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\$10,000 Mother's Day Offering For Orphanage

Who's Who and What's What

Pastor R. K. Corder of Picayune is this week in a meeting.

Missionaries A. S. Gillespie and wife sailed from San Francisco April 13. They go to Kaifeng, interior China.

Because of the postponement of a meeting, brother Joe Canzoneri has an open date for a meeting in June.

Congratulations to The Baptist Standard, our Texas contemporary, on reaching a circulation of 42,461. It is worthy.

A fifteen day evangelistic campaign in Shreveport began Sunday. Dr. Ellis A. Fuller is with Dr. Dodd at First Church.

Center Terrace Church, Canton, had ten additions at their regular services Sunday, six of them by baptism. Give thanks.

Pastor S. H. Jones of First Church, Brookhaven, began Sunday night a series of sermons on the "Ten Commandments."

Some alumnae of Meredith College and alumni of Wake Forest College are fostering a movement to consolidate these two Baptist schools in North Carolina.

The preparation for a revival meeting is possibly the most essential feature in it. When you have prepared, then the revival is on. If preparation has been made nothing can stop the revival. In a very real sense the preparation is the revival.

Since the National Broadcasting Company announced its purpose to broadcast no liquor advertising over its network, it has received more than 2,000 letters endorsing its policy. They came from housewives, parent-teacher associations, college presidents and churches.

Pastor J. P. Kirkland is buoyed with hope for the work at New Albany. Sunday he felt the presence of the Lord among the people, and after the congregation was dismissed and were going out a young lady returned to give glory to God in professing her faith and uniting with the church.

By making a contribution to the Baptist Orphanage on Mother's Day you are not helping with the support and care of just one child but with all the boys and girls who now make their home in the Orphanage and for a large number who will reside there in years to come. The offering made at this time will be used to help with the erection of buildings and also for the support of the children.

Dr. E. P. Alldredge's report to the Southern Baptist Convention will show an increase in the past year of 386 Baptist churches in the South, an increase of 174,583 in membership, and 256,814 people baptized, the largest number ever reported in one year. Sunday school enrollment has increased 157,144. The total contributions amounted to \$35,265,687, an increase of nearly three million dollars over the previous year. We have much for which to thank God. Wherever people adhere to the Bible and attend to God's business He blesses them.

Pastor C. C. Jones begins Sunday at Mendenhall assisted by Rev. C. Z. Holland of Canton.

Pastor W. F. Yarborough at Pickens has Rev. J. B. Leavell of Leland with him in a meeting this week.

Pastor C. Z. Holland recently preached the commencement sermons for the high schools at Mendenhall and at Farmhaven.

Rev. R. L. Wallace of Raymond preached at Utica Sunday morning and helped Pastor Owen Williams ordain three deacons: Messrs. Chapman, Turner and Stubbs.

In his ten years pastorate at Druid Hills Church, Atlanta, Pastor L. D. Newton has seen the membership grow from 1,691 to 3,528. The contributions to all causes have been \$702,043.72. The budget this year calls for \$70,000.

One temperance organ predicts national prohibition again by 1950. And that reminds us of a story: One magistrate advertised over his office door, "Marriage ceremonies performed while you wait." Another magistrate next door, not to be outdone put up his advertisement: "Why wait?"

I have just returned from a ten days' series of revival meetings with the First Baptist Church, Marks, which was truly a blessing to us all. Marks is an exceptionally fine town and the work of the church, which is thoroughly organized in all departments, is moving forward in a great way. Pastor and Mrs. George H. Gay are loved by all denominations for their ability, consecration and tact, and under their wise leadership, all phases of the work are flourishing. No hospitality could have excelled that of Deacon and Mrs. P. M. B. Self and others and my service and fellowship with these faithful saints of Quitman county was an experience I shall long remember with deep gratitude.—H. L. Martin.

The Southern Baptist Historical Society will hold its annual meeting in Oklahoma City, 10 a. m. Wednesday, May 17, place to be announced. Dr. W. O. Carver, president, says: "I wish also to call attention to the plan of the Society to obtain a charter shortly after this meeting. All members of record on this date will be enrolled as charter members. The purposes of this Society ought to enlist the enthusiastic sympathy and support of all intelligent Southern Baptists. We need to know and to write our history. This cannot be done unless the materials of that history are discovered, collected, organized, preserved and made available for historians. This applies to local history, state history, and general history. The Baptist denomination cannot appreciate and discharge its high obligations to the world in the name of Jesus Christ without knowing its history. It is of special concern just now that this Society shall be able to encourage the purpose of the Convention to produce a history of Southern Baptists before our centennial celebration in 1945. Every Baptist who joins this Society now becomes a contributor and supporter of the immediate objects with reference to the proposed history. The annual membership fee is \$1.00, life memberships are \$25. There ought to be thousands of members by May 17th. I wish especially to let the women know that they are desired as members of this Society."

Pastor Arthur Jackson of First Church, Savannah, says that an eight days' meeting for young people led by Rev. Luther J. Holcomb resulted in 54 additions and a great revival, 41 by baptism. Attendance of young people the best ever and after results gratifying.

Central Baptist Pastors' Conference had a full roundtable discussion Monday on Preparing for a revival. It was led by Rev. T. W. Green and participated in by all the pastors present. The Bible study was conducted by Dr. S. H. Jones of Brookhaven. He told of the missionary character of the Bible from Genesis throughout the New Testament.

Rev. M. R. Soileau, pastor First Church, Cuero, Texas, will assist his brother, Pastor E. Y. Soileau in a ten day meeting at Catchings beginning May 7th. During brother Soileau's seven years pastorate in Texas he has had one hundred and seventeen invitations to hold evangelistic meetings. The Catchings church feels that she is exceedingly fortunate in securing the services of this servant of the Lord's, and are praying for a great revival. Will not the readers of the Record join this church in their prayers.—Virgie C. Cogdell.

The Daily Oklahoman of April 23 is a special semi-centennial edition, recalling the opening of the territory to settlement in 1889. It is as large as two or three good sized books. It covers well, so far as we can see, every factor in the making of this great state. There are many sections. One whole section is devoted to religion. Like the rest of the paper it is historical and pictorial. We were particularly interested of course in the Baptist part of this. Baptist notables of the past and present are given and something of the story of Baptist progress told. It is the sort of thing one would like to preserve in his historical scrapbook or album.

We have received and read a pamphlet by Dr. Gregory Zilboorg of New York City, entitled "I Won't Apologize." It is a quiet appeal for tolerance in America when race and national hatreds are rampant in so many countries. The discussion takes the form of a letter addressed to a Gentile friend by a Jew. Dr. Zilboorg is a Russian Jew who came to America just after the World War, though in this booklet he tells nothing of his personal history. He shows an intricate familiarity with history, including a knowledge of the New Testament, and it seems to us a sympathy with its spirit. The book is privately printed; and its distribution and reading will do good.

Dr. Mike Elliott, editor of Minister, Chicago, announces that presidents of twenty-one Baptist groups in the United States will meet in Chicago May 23 to plan a coordinated nation-wide evangelistic campaign in 1940. Dr. L. R. Scarborough, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will preside. Consideration will also be given a statement on "Religious Liberty" to be presented by Dr. Rufus Weaver of Washington City. In addition to the presidents, secretaries of evangelism for the Southern and Northern Baptist Conventions, Dr. Roland Q. Leavell and Dr. Walter Woodbury, will lead in planning the coordinated effort. This movement is fostered by Minister, a national Baptist news magazine.

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Sparks and Splinters

Pastor V. M. Hailey lost his library in a fire which destroyed the church at Luling, Texas.

Pastor E. D. Elliott has welcomed 37 new members by baptism, mostly adults into Hammond Church since January 1.

At Dry Creek, La., recently a woman 100 years old was received into the church. She says she has been a Christian since she was four years old.

Word has just been received that Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, London, secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, will attend the Oklahoma City Convention.

Dr. B. C. Land helped Pastor J. C. Robinson (both Mississippians) in a great meeting at De Ridder, La. There were 31 additions on Sunday, most of them by baptism.

On June 1, Rev. G. E. Smith gives up his work as circulation manager of the Baptist Courier (S. C.) to become pastor of Pleasant Grove Church, near Greer, S. C.

The Watchman Examiner tells of churches in a Michigan town celebrating "holy week." You don't have to go to Rome to do as the Romans do? Or have they gone to Rome?

It is said that Japan has gone into the business of making all China adherents of the Buddhist religion, and have a 100 year plan for it. Japan will have plenty of time to change its mind.

Ora Baptist Church, Covington county, has now about 32 members; Sunday school enrolment of 43; attendance last Sunday 37; and 40 enrolled in B. T. U. with attendance last Sunday of 36.—A. Kelly.

State Evangelist W. H. Knight of Louisiana says that the press of New Orleans gave their simultaneous evangelistic campaign good publicity and the radio was very helpful. He says: "I do believe we may confidently expect New Orleans to become a great Baptist city during this generation. The help of B. B. I. was beyond calculation." Dr. Knight accepts the call of First Church, Pineville where Louisiana College (Baptist) is located.

There is just as much propriety in and need for our colleges increasing their student enrollment, as there is in increasing the subscription list of the Baptist paper. And for the same reason: we owe it to the people and to the Lord and his cause to minister to the largest possible number of people and to enlist them in and train them for His service. Let us all reach out and lift up.

Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, secretary of the Baptist World Alliance writes that on April 11 a cable from Bukarest, Rumania says, "Prime Minister gave general orders to open Baptist Churches," signed Coentz and Pasen. These are leaders among Rumanian Baptists. Dr. Rushbrook adds: "The news is altogether welcome as far as it goes. It confirms the impression that the Ministry of M. Calinescu is bent upon a policy of tolerance. Doubtless reconsideration of the decree will follow, and we may hope that unhappy ministerial decision (issued before M. Calinescu became Premier) will be definitely withdrawn and the Rumanian Baptists granted the legal status of a recognized communion. Amid the fierce pressure of events, the action now reported is all that could be immediately expected, but when the pressure relaxes the question of a satisfactory and permanent settlement will doubtless be faced."

Dr. G. W. Sadler is back in the employ of the Foreign Mission Board. He was private, first lieutenant and chaplain in the American Army in France. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross by Gen. Pershing. He was 13 years a missionary in Africa, but had to give up his work there on account of his family's health. He has been seven years pastor of First Church, Liberty, Mo. He now goes back to work for the Board as secretary to Europe, Africa and the Near East. He will have headquarters in Richmond. His first assignment is to visit and report on the work in Spain and Palestine.

The Southern Baptist Convention has been invited to hold its 1945 session in Augusta, Ga., where the Convention was organized in 1845.

Dr. Jno. L. Slaughter, pastor First Church, Birmingham, has had a painful hospital experience but was improving at last report.

The S. S. and B. T. U. and B. S. U. Field Workers Association meets at Oklahoma City, Skirvin Hotel, May 15, 16 and 17. This is their annual session at the Southern Baptist Convention. Begins at 7 p. m. Monday. Besides our force speakers will be J. O. Schisler of the Methodist Pub. Board, H. G. Bennett of Oklahoma A & M College, R. E. Alley of Richmond and J. D. Fredman of Nashville.

Those who believe the Bible ought to be preaching it with all boldness. This is no time to be affrighted by our adversary the devil. James says "Resist the devil and he will flee from you." The people who don't believe the Bible are cowards at heart. They are among those of whom Paul says, "Their mouths must be stopped." The man who doubts or disbelieves has no message. "We believe therefore have we spoken." "The word of God is sharper than a two-edged sword, piercing to the joints and marrow." Don't be satisfied with hitting with the flat side of it; it is the point that pierces.

A pastor of a "Church of Christ," generally known as of the Campbellite persuasion, made us a visit recently. His approach to the truth and his method of handling the word of God reminded us of a blacksmith trying to repair a watch. There are some things which cannot be handled with hammer and tongs. The word of God is something which must be approached in the spirit of humility and with open mind, and not with cocksureness and blast furnace methods. "The meek will he guide in judgment, and the meek will he teach his way." That is the reason the "Lord made known his ways unto Moses," because he was the meekest of all. Spiritual things are spiritually discerned and when people feel no need of the Spirit's guidance into the truth, they are sure to go wrong. And the worst place in the world to get wrong is at the way to be saved.

unto you that they are the Commandment of the Lord." Those people who have renounced their faith in an infallible book and believe they are taught by an unerring spirit, ought to give us another Bible, one of their own composition. If they have such inward and unerring guidance why don't they give us a Bible that will be authoritative. Of course the undertaking would be ridiculous and absurd. We would have as many Bibles as there are individual Christians, and they would be as different and contradictory as day and night. Before the introduction was written some of these other "Spirit-led" individuals would be raising an outcry. And the world would walk away from it without the slightest concern. It occurs to us that these Spirit-led people would say we don't need any Bible and never did.

In a recent issue of "The Christian Thinker" there is an editorial with the caption: "Which Shall Be Our Guide, An Infalible Book or the Unerring Spirit?" It is evident by this question that the writer means you can't do both, and it is evident that the contrast between the Book and the Spirit can have no meaning unless it means that the Book is not the work of the Spirit. That is, in the opinion of Dr. Hurlbut, the Bible is not the product of the Spirit, that it is not the word of God. That is a bold declaration for a man who claims to be a Baptist preacher and editor. Baptists have always been a people of the Book, and whenever they abandon this there is no need for them. And any man who claims to be a Baptist and yet is not bound by what the Book says does not belong in the same fold with those whose faith is based on and determined by what the Bible says. There were certain people in Paul's day who claimed that they were spiritual, or Spirit-led, and didn't have to do what the Apostle Paul had written to them. To these people Paul said, "If any man thinketh himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him take knowledge of the things that I write

On April 23 Calvary Church, Tupelo had eight additions, four by baptism. The Sunday school for the seventh time since January reached a record mark, 385.

The following change has been made in the published program of the Southern Baptist Convention: Governor Leon C. Phillips, Oklahoma City, introduced by Dr. W. B. Harvey, Oklahoma City, will deliver the address of welcome Wednesday afternoon, March 17, instead of Dr. W. R. White and Dr. Rupert Naney, Oklahoma City.

Stonewall: Our meeting begins here on May 21st and runs through the 28th. Brother Estes will do the preaching. This is a great opportunity for evangelism. For instance, 38 of the 44 intermediates are not Christians. Other ages are somewhat in proportion. We desire the many prayers throughout the state.—J. A. Fortner.

The Southern Baptist Historical Society, of which Dr. W. O. Carver, Louisville, Ky., is president, will hold its annual meeting in Oklahoma City, Wednesday, May 17, 10 a. m. Shortly after this meeting a charter will be obtained and all members of record will be enrolled as charter members. One object of the organization is to encourage the purpose of the Convention to produce a history of Southern Baptists before our centennial celebration in 1945. The annual membership fee is \$1, life membership, \$25.

It is a strange paradox that the present German ruling class in magnifying what they call the "blood and soil" are imitating or reproducing the Jews whom they so hate and persecute. The Jews of all ancient peoples were the most exclusive on earth. They were forbidden to marry Gentiles. They magnified their race and glorified their land. You may call it patriotism or nationalism or fascism or what not. But they had exactly the same spirit and the same ideals as the German governing class has today. Race pride, or race prejudice, call it by whatever name you like. They were the prototype of the present Germany. "Jews have no dealings (no dot associate with) Samaritans." Paul said of the Jews that they are "contrary to all men." They were the original Ku-Kluxers. Of course the religion of Jews, and outdo them. As to racial exclusiveness changes all this. All of the Epistle to the Ephesians was written to help break down the middle wall of partition, or show that Jesus does it. But the Germans will have none of this. They look back to the very thing which characterized the Jews, and out do them. As to racial exclusiveness, there is little to choose between the Germans and the Jews. It is ours to love both Jews and Germans and pray God to make them truly Christian.

Every now and then we get an anonymous letter from somebody in Jackson rebuking us for any criticism of Roman Catholic teaching or action. We have never been among the wild-eyed howlers who make a business of attacking Catholics nor any body else. We believe in absolute religious liberty for Catholics, Jews, Protestants, Baptists, Atheists and everybody else. We try to carry out the teaching of Jesus to love everybody. But our love to anybody does not lead us to approve or condone his faults, errors or sins. On the contrary the more we love people the more we want them to get right. The Catholics are doing all they can in this country to make Catholics out of Protestants. That is their privilege; and as they believe they are right, it is their duty. So it is our duty to teach people the truth. And it is an obligation to warn against the dangers of a system that has corrupted every nation where it has had control. We believe the Catholic teaching to be contrary to the gospel and utterly subversive of it. We believe that Romanism is the antithesis of Americanism. No kuklux ever believed it stronger. But we do not believe in the kuklux method of opposing Romanism. We believe in appeal to the scripture, to reason and to conscience. We believe that Romanism seeks political domination in this country and in every other country. Their weapons are not open proclamation of the truth, but secret manipulation. This we deplore and hope that our people will become aware of it in time to prevent it.

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The world today is looking for men who are not for sale; men who are honest, sound from center to circumference, true to the heart's core: men with consciences as steady as the needle to the pole; men who will stand for the right if the heavens totter and the earth reels; men who can tell all the truth and look the world right in the eye; men who neither drag nor run; men who neither flag nor flinch; men who can have courage without shouting to it; men in whom the courage of everlasting life runs still, deep and strong; men who know their message and tell it; men who know their place and fill it; men who know their business and attend to it; men who will not lie, shirk or dodge; men who are not too lazy to work, nor too proud to be poor; men who are willing to eat what they have paid for; men who are not ashamed to say "no" with emphasis and who are not ashamed to say "I can't afford it."

II

So many friends have asked about our proposed, but postponed trip to South America. We dare to say a word about it. We still expect to take it. Glad to delay it for Christ's sake and the work's sake.

We had the passport extended, visas working, schedule accepted, smallpox vaccine and typhoid shots administered, etc.

Next year, or, maybe the following year, we hope to realize another dream in mission travel.

III

The last district evangelistic conference has been held. Certainly 600 people attended these conferences. With the 300-400 at the Clinton meeting we have a total attendance of 1,000. It should be at least 2,000 another year and we believe it will.

IV

Jesus said, "Upon this rock I will build my church." Matt. 16:18. New Testament churches are built! Jesus builds His church! Followers of Jesus are engaged in that work with Him. We have never believed in paralyzing His churches, bleeding His churches, dividing His churches! We believe in engaging with Him in building His church. This emphasis has characterized our ministry. We will not change.

We have yet to find Bible authorization for Preacher Pirates, Religious Bolsheviks or Church Buccaneers!

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Jesus lived for His church! Jesus died for His church! Jesus heads His church! Jesus commissioned His church! Jesus is coming for His church!

No man would dare touch with unholy hands the sweetheart of another, except in some fear of direful consequences.

The church is the Bride, the Sweetheart of Jesus! Some day His wife!

VI

Churches are grown! Eph. 2:19-22. They grow largely as human families are grown, birth and adoption. Atmosphere, food, attention, exercise, cultivation, and such like are important in the social family, also in the spiritual family.

More and more intelligent parents plan for their children to eat regularly, sleep regularly, study regularly, work regularly. That is plan. That is program.

Suppose school children went to school on the "hit and miss" plan some follow with the church? Some do! They do not go far!

Jesus said, "The children of the world are

wiser in their day and generation than the children of light."

We need to plan for this church family in Bible ways!

We need to claim the Holy Spirit's leading in conserving the fruits of this church family life.

VII

In Carroll County we saw what preaching the Word, carefully planned, means in His work. It was a real opportunity to touch a whole county with the Gospel message.

Brother Corley and brother Sellers spoke about twice a day; brother Farr spoke about three times a day as did brother Perry. Your Secretary preached the Gospel 1-3-5 times each day. We had to leave in six days. The brethren carried on with brother Perry preaching for five more days. Indifference and opposition lost out before the Great Savior. Some results, 45 additions, 37 on profession of faith.

VIII

Other meetings:

Had good congregation at Yazoo City, seven of 18 churches in association with four pastors. All Mississippi remembers Dr. Brame, pastor, in his illness.

At Summerland, a filled house. Good to be back home with Pastor Farr, Superintendent Stricklin and others.

Choctaw County Association, Ackerman, Pastor J. B. Smith. Eleven of 23 churches and seven pastors present. Plans made for revivals in all churches, churchless places, studies in soul-winning, etc.

Evangelistic conference, Macon, Pastor R. D. Pearson, with fine program, fair attendance. Noxubee Association with five of seven churches and five pastors present.

Calhoun Association with Pastor J. W. T. Siler, and others—12 of 36 churches present, seven pastors.

Crystal Springs adult banquet, Pastor A. B. Pierce, 125 present—91 in Men's class Sunday.

Largely attended City Y. W. A. banquet, First Church, Meridian. The ladies are working as usual.

Good congregation, Batesville, Dr. J. W. Lee, and storm almost stopped us with Dr. W. E. Lee, Crenshaw. Panola County meeting, Sardis, 10 of 18 churches, three pastors.

Large crowd at Central Pastors' Conference, Monte Vista, Pastor Roscoe Hicks. Building laid low by storm.

Grenada County meeting with Pastor G. E. Wiley, eight of nine churches and five pastors present.

A pastor reported 16 awaiting baptism, another 19 for baptism.

Pontotoc Association meeting, with Dr. B. B. Hilburn, five churches, two pastors, 85 men plus ladies present.

Lafayette County meeting with Dr. F. M. Purser, 14 of 20 churches, five pastors present, 85 men on hand—one profession.

Spoke to about 35 women in afternoon.

About 100 at Durant evangelistic conference. Good program. Holmes County meeting, six churches, three pastors present.

IX

During March we made 14 associational meetings with 10 additions to churches, nine for baptism, baptized four, and nine lost, asking for prayer. Doxology!

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In Oklahoma there are 250,000 Indians in 55 tribes.

Dr. Kitchings says that brother Goodrich not only knows how to "circulate" the Baptist Record, but is also a "howling success" as a teacher of Sunday school study courses, and a promoter of Sunday school enlargement. Brother Goodrich taught Building a Standard Sunday School for Pastor Kitchings at Benton recently. The class began with fifteen and ended with eighteen taking the examination—a phenomenal record. Complete plans were made for enlarging the Sunday school and the people seem greatly inspired. And one result is that there are now four times as many in Sunday school as before.—A. A. Kitchings, Pastor.

NEEDED—GREATLY NEEDED—A MILLION PERSONAL SOUL WINNERS

By L. R. Scarborough

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There are millions of Southern Baptists. They have almost limitless soul winning opportunities. There are nearly 25,000 churches, half a million trained Sunday school forces, 21,000 pastor leaders, a million consecrated women, a million raw-boned, red-blooded men, all of whom are more or less in touch with our churches. There lie at their doors millions of lost. We are in an effort to win them. We are using church evangelism, pastoral evangelism, domestic evangelism, organizational evangelism, indoor and outdoor evangelism, highway, well side and road side evangelism, all sorts of evangelism, and our greatest need is personal soul winners.

We need a million now, well-trained, Bible-informed, Holy Spirit inspired and empowered, consecrated soul winners, who know something of the fine art of drawing the gospel net; men and women, young people and children, who know how to face an individual, in church, in Sunday school, on the street, in the office, in the home, in the automobiles, trains, airplanes, and tell them about Christ, show them the way to Christ, lead them to personally accept Christ, giving up their sins.

If we had a million consecrated soul winners now at work constantly, with Pentecostal praying, witnessing and power, all the pastors could baptize every Sunday morning and Sunday night and at prayer meeting and in between times. It would take that to keep up with our baptizing. As it is, it takes 23 Baptists a whole year to lead one to Christ and to baptism. Suppose we had a million at it constantly. What a mighty result! Pentecost would be repeated and perpetuated and a new day would sweep Christianity.

How are we to get them? I suggest some ways: (1) Pray for them; (2) Plan for them; (3) Train them, call them out, urge them out, lead them out, go with them. This is largely the task of the preachers, but it is the task also of mothers, Sunday school teachers and all the leaders. That is the major task of Christianity today.

If I could, with the weight of a world, I would lay this on the hearts of pastors and the church forces to train, quickly, multitudes of the strongest and best men and women in our churches to win somebody to Christ today, and then somebody tomorrow, and on. That's my message, with my heart in it. Let's find a million personal soul winners in our churches and train them and push them out into the work of winning the lost everywhere!

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MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST HOSPITAL

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"The Senior Class of Mississippi Baptist Hospital School of Nursing announces its commencement exercises on Monday evening the fifteenth of May at eight o'clock at Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi."

The above invitation is being sent out by the superintendent and supervisors, and by eighteen splendid young women who make up the graduating class for this closing session. Each one of them will prove a most efficient addition to the nursing force of the state, the nation and the world. Come, and by your presence bid them God speed in this life's undertaking.

Overshadowing even their graduation day another day stands out in their lives which they each face rather fearfully. This is the State Board examination, which each must stand before or soon after graduating. The Hospital is gratefully proud of the fact that the recent State Examining Board placed the coveted letters, "R.N." (Registered Nurse) after the names of each of our girls who took the examination.

—M.M.L.

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Automobiles have made hoboeing respectable. Tramps in former times walked the dusty roads, or rode the rods on the freight trains. But now you may migrate with the seasons in a car and carry your comforts with you, everything except your religion.

EDITORIALS

DO THE FIRST WORKS

In the letter which the Lord told John to write to the angel of the church in Ephesus, which is found in the second chapter of Revelation, there are three kinds of "works" spoken of. In the first place the Lord says, "I know thy works"; in the second place he says, "Repent and do the first works"; and in the third place he says they hate "the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate." It is well to notice the difference between them, and in some respects the contrast.

In the first place he commends what they are doing. In the second he rebukes them for what they are doing. And in the last instance he refers to certain practices or works which incite the hatred of God and good people.

We are concerned most just now with what the Lord calls the "first works." It may be that they are first in that they were the first expression of Christian life and faith. And that is in accord with the teaching of other scriptures which tell us that the fruit of the Spirit is Love. Please notice that love leads the list. It is primary in time. But it is more than first in time. It is first in importance.

We take it that the word works here used is purposely chosen as a companion word for the one in the clause, "I know thy works." We do not commonly speak of love as works, but it is so used here, because the Lord wishes to contrast it with something else which had been given primary place. Just as Jesus told the people who asked him, "What shall we do that we may work the works of God?" "This is the work of God that ye believe on him whom he hath sent." So love is here spoken of as "the first works," the thing that is of most important for them, the one to which they are to give first place in their Christian life, the one which not only must antedate all Christian activity, but which must inspire it all, and which in the sight of God is of first importance. You may compare Paul's saying, "If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, and have not love, I am nothing." And you will recall the answer of Jesus who said, "The first and great commandment is to love God with all your heart and your neighbor as yourself." Let us put first things first. And just as Jesus said "Seek first the kingdom of God," so he says to these people in Ephesus, "Do the first works."

To make it clear that the "first works here is love," just read the connection, where he says, "Thou didst leave thy first love. Remember therefore whence thou art fallen, and repent and do the first works."

Nothing else can take the place of this, nothing else can be a substitute, and all that one does otherwise must not be allowed to supplant it, or to overshadow it. These Ephesians had done much for which they are commended. Their good works were remembered. They had also toiled, that is worked when it was hard or disagreeable or rendered them unpopular; when it went against the grain in themselves or over the opposition of others. They had a healthy reaction against wrong doing: they "could not bear evil men." They had the courage of their convictions: they tried those who said they were apostles and were not. They had endured or adhered to the teaching and work of the Lord. And they had shown no disposition to quit: had "not grown weary." And later they were commended for hating the works of the Nicolaitans. This showed a healthy degree of development.

But these things could not take the place of love. They were futile without love. Their very existence as a church was in danger: Except thou repent, I will move thy lampstand out of its place. The only thing which could prevent this was that they should repent and do the first works, get back to the one thing which was primary. "Thou didst leave thy first love." Something was lost out of their Christian life, the one

thing which gave value and permanence to all the rest. They had left it. They had gotten so busy, they were so much engaged with other things, they had spent their energies in trying to correct evils around them, they had satisfied themselves with pouring out their vials of wrath on the Nicolaitans, that they had walked clean away from their first love. And because of this their very continued existence was in peril.

The Lord has no use for a church that has lost its first love. The Lord is not satisfied with anything we do, no matter how busy we are, no matter how we pile up statistics, nor how much hubub we have around the church, the Lord is not satisfied with anything short of our personal love to him and our love to one another. Has the glow gone out of your soul? Has the warmth and joy gone from your heart? Does the name of Jesus no longer awaken joy in your spirit?

Then something needs to be done: "Remember therefore whence thou are fallen, and repent and do the first works. He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches. To him that overcometh, to him will I give to eat of the Tree of Life which is in the Paradise of God."

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Rev. J. P. Fortenberry goes from Sulphur to Fisher, La.

Our readers will be glad to have from Rev. A. C. Burley of Bournemouth, England, an article this week about Charles Haddon Spurgeon. We expect this to be followed by others along the same line.

The Madras conference is being used by some who attended it as a sounding board to preach church union. This is done now in the United States by some of the representatives who returned from that conference held by representatives of various denominations last December in India.

We have just closed a very gracious meeting in our church with Dr. E. F. Haight of the Baptist Bible Institute as preacher and brother Lowrey Compere pastor of the Franklinton Baptist Church of Louisiana as song leader. These two make a great team. Dr. Haight, the prince of Biblical expositors, and brother Compere, the prince among song leaders. We are grateful to God and these men for the meeting.—L. G. Gates, Pastor.

"The Meaning of War," is a book, most of which was published during the world war but now reissued with some additions at a time when war again threatens the world. It is by James W. Johnson, a layman, who says he is not a pacifist but who seeks to interpret the meaning of war and picture its results. It is a question of vital interest at the present. It is published by Revell and sells for 75c.

"The Victorious Christ" is a book of sermons by Dr. Charles T. Ball, a well known Baptist preacher and teacher. One of these sermons is said to have been preached 500 times in revival meetings and Bible conferences, and it is believed that many souls have been led to Christ by it. Dr. Cammack says this is one of the few really great sermons he has ever heard, and is well worth the price of the book. The price is \$1.00 and it is published by The American Pub. Co. of Fort Worth, Texas.

We are in receipt of a small volume entitled "God's Purpose," book of 365 sermonettes to be used in daily home worship. Each little sermon with its text and the name and address of the author occupies one page. It will help a busy man or busy housekeeper who wishes some assistance in fixing his thoughts or enabling him to know the value of application of the text used. As these sermonettes are by as many different preachers, they are of course not all of equal value. We notice a few Baptist preachers among the contributors: E. C. Routh, D. A. Poling, E. M. Poteat, E. B. Willingham, O. C. S. Wallace, H. H. Stratton, J. C. Massee and probably others. The book sells for 60c or better binding for a higher price. It is published by the Jno. C. Winston Co. of Philadelphia. Can be had of the Baptist Book Store.

The Junior Baptist College, Campbellsville, Ky., lost its administration building by fire value \$100,000; insurance \$7,000.

We appreciate an invitation to attend the dedicatory exercises of the new Baptist building in Oklahoma City, May 7.

Recently it was reported in the Record that B. B. Hilbun of Pontotoc had assisted in a meeting in Mobile. We are now informed that it was B. S. Hilbun of Soso.

James Montgomery Flagg, well known artist, said in Washington City: "Beauty comes from breeding. I have never seen a beautiful woman in a beauty contest."—Ex.

The meeting at Calvary Church, Jackson, through Friday of this week, Dr. J. D. Grey preaching. On Sunday there were 47 additions to the church.

Dr. Geo. W. Truett spent eleven days in a meeting in First Church, Oklahoma City. While there he preached by invitation the sermon at the Municipal Auditorium at the celebration of the city's golden jubilee. There were 6500 people present.

Mississippi Woman's College has a combination of Homecoming, Parents' Day and May Festival May 5. Parents, alumnae and other friends are expected in large numbers and one hundred pastors are looked for. There will be a barbecue dinner served.

There were fifteen churches represented in the Leake County Sunday School Conference held last Sunday at New Zion Church. Professor Munday presided. Speakers were Mr. Pascal of Walnut Grove; Mrs. A. A. Ward of Carthage and Mr. Cox of Sebastopol. The editor preached at eleven a. m. The house would not hold the congregation. This is a new church which built a temporary structure and now has lumber on the ground for a better building. Rev. Jodie Moore is pastor. They are making good progress. They are said to have the largest Sunday school attendance in the county. All the members get the Baptist Record.

Center Terrace Church, Canton, last week had a study course, taking "How to Win to Christ." There were 24 who took the examination and six more will. They propose to standardize by June. The field is white to harvest, and our people are asked to join them in prayer for a great harvest.—M. Q. Graham.

Pastor C. L. Hammond writes that the church at Corbin, Ky., has just closed the greatest revival ever held there. To accommodate the crowds all rooms in the church were used and loud speakers installed. Two young men from the Louisville Seminary, Bryon Wilkinson of W. Virginia and Carl Bates of Liberty, Mississippi, preached and sang for eight days. Everybody helped. There were 110 additions by baptism and 18 by letter, besides 37 dedications to special service; many renewed their vows of Christian living. Conversions began with the first service and continued throughout. The Sunday school attendance went from 550 to 711; the B. T. U. from 166 to 216; the Brotherhood from 35 to 56. Brother Hammond commends the youth revival and recommends the book "Victory Through Youth" by Luther J. Holcomb.

The Lord gave us a glorious revival in a two weeks meeting with the Highland Avenue Baptist Church of Montgomery, Ala. Dr. F. S. Porter, pastor of the First Church, Columbus, Ga., did the work of an evangelist. He is a good man of God and brought fine, solid gospel messages. The church under the wise and able directions of Pastor Chas F. Leek had made splendid preparations and the meeting started off in a fine way. Dr. Leek, his associate, Rev. Fred Cooper, and many of the members did a lot of visitation and personal work and the Lord richly blessed their efforts. The attendance was large at both the morning and night services. There were 64 additions to the church, a large number of them for baptism. It was the privilege of this writer to lead the singing in this church last year and it was a great joy to work with this great pastor and church again this year.—Joe Canzoneri.

May 4, 1939

It is said that more than 1,000 conventions will be held in Oklahoma City this year, the Southern Baptist Convention being the largest.

The new governor of Michigan, L. D. Dickinson, is also serving his sixth term as state president of the Anti-Saloon League.

Rev. R. A. Morris of Newton last week taught "A Winning Witness" in a B. T. U. study course at Eighth Ave. Church, Meridian. The week before he taught "The Baptist Faith" to a large class at Newton.

The Baptist Messenger of West Virginia quotes the Watchman-Examiner as saying that Northern Baptists have 15,000 fewer members now than they did 23 years ago. Surely there is need of self-examination, and of a great revival.

The Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention begins its session in Oklahoma City Monday evening, May 15. The Convention follows, beginning Wednesday afternoon, May 17. So far as we know there are no special railroad rates.

Pastor J. H. Avery of Highland Church, Meridian, will have Dr. T. V. Neal with him in a meeting June 11-18. Dr. Neal is president of Howard College and one of the best of gospel preachers. He was formerly pastor of First Church, El Paso, and resigned a successful pastorate to carry through a financial campaign for Texas Baptists, later coming to Alabama.

There were 1500 men in the recent State Brotherhood meeting in Oklahoma. We hope our folks won't move to Oklahoma, but we should be glad for those attending the Convention out there to bring back with them something of the fine Christian enthusiasm of these brethren.

Pastor James C. Taylor is happy over a gracious meeting at Escatawpa, in which he was assisted by Rev. J. F. McLellan of Enon, La. There were 11 additions, eight by baptism; many rededications, number of tithers doubled, plans made to build Sunday school rooms; and the people have a mind to work. Pastor says the visiting preacher is a great soul winner, and excellent in getting people to undertake great things for God. The old time members say it was one of the greatest meetings ever held in the church. The church budget includes the Cooperative Program.

Pastor George Gay rejoices in 26 additions to the church at Marks during the recent meeting, beside some who joined other churches. Dr. H. L. Martin brought splendid messages and the people responded well, for which all are grateful. The church received new life; soul-winners went out after the lost; organizations see new and fresh meaning in their work. Our having the Record in every family has in no small way contributed to the preparation before Dr. Martin came."

The men of Pontotoc Church had 85 present at a fellowship supper April 20 when Sec. D. A. McCall gave them a great message. The following Sunday there were more men present in Sunday school than at any time for three and a half years. At the high school Pres. D. M. Nelson brought the commencement address to the graduating class on the 18th. The people are still speaking of it in high praise. Pastor B. B. Hilburn preached the commencement sermon on Sunday morning for Houlka High School and on Sunday night for the Pontotoc High School. Large crowds attended both services. The pastor will have Dr. B. Locke Davis with him in a meeting July 10-21, with Rev. Robt. Palmer of Memphis in charge of the singing.

Upon the removal of Dr. Norman W. Cox from Huntington, W. Va., to Meridian, Dr. W. C. Reeves, pastor of Highlawn Church, Huntington becomes editor of the Baptist Messenger published there. Dr. Cox while in West Virginia, not only edited the paper and pastored a great church and wrote two books, has written every week for the daily paper in his city a religious feature editorial for the past six years. He looks forward to getting back home by coming to First Church, Meridian. He has greatly enjoyed his experience in the Northern Baptist Convention, but is clear in his conviction that the Lord is bringing him back to Meridian and to Mississippi.

LET'S GO

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b, "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL."

Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

ECRU

Ecrus among other things is noted as the home of the North East Mississippi Bible Conference and has been for thirty years. Rev. H. G. West is the pastor beloved. How he does as much work as he does is as much a mystery now as it was when the writer was his neighbor at Pontotoc. Willis Mounce is superintendent of the Sunday school. It is graded and the superintendent keeps it well organized. Mrs. H. B. Leavell is doing a fine job as W. M. U. president while Prof. Davis is the capable B. T. U. director. Ecrus is one of the several Mississippi churches that makes a monthly Sunday school offering to the orphanage. It also supports the 5000 club. No offerings are taken at Ecrus. Offering boxes are placed in the vestibule and the people make their offerings as they desire. The pastor says it has greatly increased the financial income of the church.

We were given plenty of time before the Sunday school to present the EF plan and they hope soon to adopt it.

Pontotoc county has subscribers listed as follows: Zion 10; Troy 1; Sherman 2; Algoma 1; Randolph 1; Toccoola 2; New Hope 1; PONTOTOC 76; Ecrus 19; Shady Grove 1; CHERRY CREEK 41.

LULA

It was our privilege to preach for Pastor Kinsey and the Lula saints in their annual revival meeting. The people came and continued to come. The pastor had made excellent preparation for the meeting having held a week of prayer meetings before the revival started. Lula as usual showered us with hospitality. The business houses closed for the morning services. The people of Lula believe in and love Pastor Kinsey. We hope there was no significance to the fact that Moon Lake fishing opened May first while the meeting closed April 30. Joe Canzoneri led the singing and never sang nor led better. There were 10 additions with others expected.

Coahoma county has subscribers listed as follows: CLARKSDALE 190; LULA 22; LYON 41.

MT. GILEAD—Union County

Rev. H. G. West is also the pastor at Mt. Gilead. He doesn't say how long ago, but this church has the distinction of having been the first church to call Henry West as pastor. Although he left them for a few years, they again called him at the first opportunity. Mt. Gilead is one of the older churches of Union county. Ike Smith and Berry Smith, pioneer Baptist pastors, were at times pastor of Mt. Gilead. We presented the EF plan, the pastor liked it and ordered it sent at his expense for a month after which the church expects to take it over. There were also 4 additions at the service.

Union county is now becoming a REAL Baptist Record county with subscribers as follows: MYRTLE 66; WALLERVILLE 65; NEW ALBANY 276; Blue Springs 5; Ingomar 1; Etta 1; Glenfield 50.

WHERE THERE'S A WILL THERE'S

"Dear Brother Goodrich:

I asked the people to adopt the EF plan and a brother blocked it. I had no idea that he would do it, but he did. I, then, asked the Lord and he said "go to a tither," who told me that he had some extra tithe money and had been wondering what to do with it. He was told on the spot and here it is. We are paying one quarter and going on the EF Plan.

"When it is necessary to notify us about the next payment don't write all these. Just let me

THE MORTMAIN LAWS OF MISSISSIPPI

Does it not seem strange that of all institutions the christian church alone should be discriminated against in the Constitution of Mississippi? Is it not incongruous that the most predominating christian state in the nation is the only state which singles out the church to stigmatize in its organic law?

Such condition will not continue if the citizens will adopt the two constitutional amendments which are to be voted on at the general election in November of this year, which have for their purpose the modification of the present so-called Mortmain Sections of the Constitution.

So few people know what you are talking about when you mention the Mortmain Law that the proposal should immediately engage the active interest and efforts of all our christian people. It should be explained to individuals and discussed before groups everywhere.

The matter may be simply stated as follows:

What Is the Law Under Existing Provisions?

Bequests and devises of property by will to any religious denomination, corporation or society are absolutely prohibited.

What Will Be the Law If Provisions Are Modified?

Such bequests and devises by will may be made, subject to the following limitations:

1. The will must be made at least 90 days before death.

2. If a person has a spouse, child or descendants of a child, not more than one-third of the estate may be devised to a religious denomination, corporation or society.

3. Where land is devised it remains subject to taxation as other land.

4. Land acquired by devise must be sold in ten years from date acquired.

Mississippi is the only state in the American Union which absolutely prohibits a person from making a bequest in a will to a church or to church owned colleges, orphanages, hospitals, or other religious institutions. In this state alone, under present laws, a person may leave property to improve cattle or hogs, but not one dime to a church institution for use to educate boys and girls, to care for the sick, or to give bread and clothing to orphaned children.—O. B. Taylor, Jackson, Miss.

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Southern Seminary has 110 in the graduating classes. Dr. Norman W. Cox will preach the commencement sermon and Dr. Bela E. Udvanki of Hungary will give the alumni address.

At the commencement of Kansas City Theological Seminary, of which Dr. H. E. Dana is president, the baccalaureate address will be by Pres. J. F. Herget, of Wm. Jewell College; the Alumni address by Pastor T. W. Medearis of Oklahoma.

Rev. Percy Ray is conducting a series of revival services in the Eastside Baptist Church, located in the "Gold Coast" community out of Jackson, with Rev. Frank Robbins pastor. The crowd was so large the first night that extra chairs had to be brought in. Pray for the services that God may be in the meeting in great convicting power. All of the churches that brother Ray pastors are requested to pray earnestly.

Secretary J. H. Rushbrooke advises our people not to get nervous about whether or not the plans for holding the Baptist World Alliance in Atlanta this summer will be carried out. Conditions in the world are uncertain, but so they were four years ago when the Alliance met in Berlin. But the meeting was held. All preparations are being perfected for the meeting in Atlanta. Those in charge of the program are entirely conscious of the world situation. It is believed that nothing will happen to prevent the meeting. If anything arises to make it improper to hold the meeting in Atlanta, the people will be notified in ample time. Dates July 22-28.

know and I'll tell you how it comes. The Lord is doing things for me faster than I can follow up. I was never so happy in any work as now.

"Yours,

**THE LIFE OF SPURGEON AS REFLECTED
IN HIS SERMONS**
By Rev. A. Cunningham-Burley
Bournemouth, England

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Spurgeon's sermons are without parallel in homiletical history. A complete set of these incomparable discourses is at my elbow as I write. They belonged to the great preacher and came from his private study in "Westwood." They have been my constant delight for thirty-five years.

Anything relating to C. H. Spurgeon has a survival value, particularly those incidental references to himself that lie in the seams and pockets of his matchless sermons. It may refresh the memories of the readers of "The Baptist Record" to have before them a series of Spurgeon's experiences as enshrined here and there in his printed tabernacle addresses.

We append a selection of extracts on Spurgeon On His Own Preaching.

"I am no orator, I have no eloquence; but if I were the one and had the other I would preach to you with all my soul. As it is, I only talk right on as if I were in your own houses, telling you what I do know."

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First Sermon

"It is about eight years since as a lad of sixteen, I stood up for the first time in my life to preach the gospel in a cottage to a handful of poor people, who had come together for worship. I felt my own inability to preach, but I ventured to take this text, 'Unto you therefore which believe he is precious.' I do not think I could have said anything upon any other text, but Christ was precious to my soul and I was in the flush of my youthful love, and I could not be silent when a precious Jesus was the subject. I had but just escaped from the bondage of Egypt, I had not forgotten the broken fetter; still did I recollect those flames which seemed to burn about my path, and that devouring gulf which opened its mouth as if ready to devour me. With all these things fresh in my youthful heart, I could speak of his preciousness who had been my Saviour, and had plucked me as a brand from the burning, and set me upon a rock, and put a new song in my mouth, and established my goings. And now, at this time what shall I say? 'What hath God wrought?' How hath the little one become a thousand, and the small one a great people? And what shall I say concerning this text, but that if the Lord Jesus was precious then, he is as precious now? And if I could declare then, that Jesus was the object of my soul's desire, that for him I hoped to live, and for him I would be prepared to die, can I not say, God being my witness, that he is more precious to me this day than ever he was? In the recollection of his unparalleled mercy towards the chief of sinners, I must anew devote myself to him, and afresh surrender my heart to him who is Lord and King."

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Early Opposition

"When I went to Bradford last time, I stated in the pulpit that I had never heard of a soul being converted through my preaching there; and the good pew-opener came to brother Dawson, and said, 'Why didn't you tell Mr. Spurgeon that such-a-one joined the church through hearing him': and instantly that dear man of God told me the cheering news. We have met with much opposition this year. Thanks to our brethren in the ministry, we have not had very much assistance from them. We have been enabled to say to them all, 'I will not take from you, from a thread to a shoe-latchet, lest ye should say, I have made him rich.' But how much of that bigotry which formerly existed has subsided! How much of that sneer, which was at one time so common, has now gone away! I am now, rather more afraid of their smiles than their frowns—though I do not think I feel much of either. Cedo nulli, was my motto at the beginning, and I take it once more. I yield to none; but by the grace of God I preach his truth, and still, if he help me, will I hold on my way."

And to the Three-one God, be eternal honor.
Amen."

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No Eloquence

"When I speak, I can but give out the text, and utter a few plain words upon it—true and earnest, but not mighty. I cannot sound out the rolling periods of a Robert Hall, nor wing my flight to the majestic heights of a Chalmers. I have no power to plead with souls with the tears and the seraphic zeal of a Whitfield. I can only tell the tale of mercy simply, and leave it there. Well, and did not God create all things by his naked word? Was there any eloquence when God spake, and it was done? 'Let there be light,' and there was light. Can ye perceive any trappings of oratory here? At this day, is not the gospel in itself the rod of Jehovah's strength? Is it not the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth? And doth not our beloved apostle constantly insist upon it, that it is not with wisdom of words, nor with fineness of speech, lest the excellency of the power should not be of God, but of man; and lest man's faith should stand in the wisdom of man, and not in the power of the Most High? Go thou on, my brother evangelist, go thou on, and speak God's Word still, for it is the Word which is mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds. 'Twas his naked word, unadorned, simple and plain, which at the beginning made the heaven and the earth. What can be more sublimely simple than 'Let there be light?' Go thou, and say in the same simplicity, 'Sinner, believe in the Lord Jesus Christ,' and thy message shall be the voice of God from heaven which shall not return unto him void, but shall prosper in the thing whereunto he hath sent it."

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SPIRITUALISM
By A. L. Goodrich

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(Continued from Last Week)

As some other denominations, the Spiritualists have a church manual and an album of tradition, the latter believed by them to have once been and for all delivered to the Fox sisters. The possible followers are many, in fact, every bereaved person is a potential member.

Two hundred papers and magazines set forth its claims and broadcast the testimony of many who have attended a seance or seances.

Not ignorant of the value of reaching the young, they have a children's lyceum.

Their numerical claims are as preposterous as their claims concerning the departed ones. In 1888 Margaret Fox claimed 8 million adherents. Various spiritualist writers claimed four million in 1868, twenty million in 1875 and sixty million in 1884. BUT the U. S. census of 1900 reported only 45,000.

However, little we may believe in its practices as well as its professions, we must admit that it does have some followers. And yet these followers are faced with an unsurmountable obstacle. Though they claim to receive messages from the dead, yet any so-called message from the dead is susceptible of suspicion it concerns anything also known to the living for how are we to know that the information is not terrestrial instead of celestial or from a living person, instead of a deceased one.

On the other hand if information is unknown to any living person, how shall we verify it. Its falsity or truthfulness cannot be proved. Taking all the claims of Spiritualism and granting (which we don't) that they might be true, there is no reason for Spiritualism. There is no cause for interweaving the two worlds. One life at a time is enough. Also, God's Word denies it. The rich man asked that Lazarus be sent back to warn his five brethren. Certainly his request had the welfare of his brothers as its source and it would have been a kindly deed. But the request was denied. One cause given for the denial was that there is an impassable gulf between the two worlds. David said concerning his dead child, "I shall go to him, but he SHALL NOT return to me."

And in Job 7:9 we read, "He that goeth down

to the grave shall come up no more. I shall turn no more to his house, neither shall place know him any more."

Had God wanted us to know more, He would have revealed it through His WORD. Lazarus remained silent concerning his trip to the third heaven, he said it would be unlawful to tell what he saw. This seems to indicate that we know as much about our loved ones beyond as God wants us to know. If not the silence of Paul and Lazarus is unexplainable. We do know that if our loved ones put their trust in Jesus they are safe and secure regardless of any medium's message. Did not our Brother Paul say, "I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day." That one verse, not to count the hundreds of others, is worth more than all the table tapping of all the Spiritualists' seance rooms.

As one writer expressed it, "It is the way of the cross that leads home. And among other things that are sure, there is one that is doubly so. It makes no difference who you are or from what walk of life you come, it takes just one thing, and that is faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, the Saviour of the world, and your Saviour, if you will let Him be, to give you any assurance that it is going to be well with you in the world to come and that you shall feel again, 'the touch of the hand that now is vanished,' or hear again 'the sound of the voice that now is still' and be again with your loved ones again to talk and commune with them as long as God's eternity shall last. And God's eternity shall never end. What if you are not a Christian then?"

Not only is Spiritualism reeking with fraud, not only is it not scriptural, but it denies the scriptures as shown by some following quotations:

In OUTLINES OF SPIRITUALISM FOR THE YOUNG, we read, "To assert that the Bible is a holy and divine book and that God inspired the writers to make known His divine will is a gross outrage on and misleading the public."

Mrs. Britten's book on Spiritualism says, "What a wicked and soul-destroying delusion has been the clerical force of salvation by a vicarious atonement."

Professor Haweis, one of their authors declares "The miraculous conception of Christ is merely a fabulous tale."

Professor Oxon says that the divinity of Christ is "A fiction which he would disown and which man forced upon his name."

Some Lessons To Be Learned

1. We need to learn the imperative need for mental and emotional discipline. Cults are guilty of much loose thinking.

2. It reminds us that our young should be carefully trained. Few children well-trained religiously, stray off to cults.

3. It teaches us that our lives should exemplify the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. The very best argument against cults is a consecrated Christian life. It is our experience that we know of no consecrated Christian who has gone off after any modern cult.

4. It also teaches that some people are ready to believe anything. Even though the Fox sisters confessed their fraud, people went right on being taken in.

5. It tells us that most people are Crusaders. If not crusading for an orthodox religion, they often get off into some cult. Put our folk to work at some responsible task. People like responsibility. The enlisted seldom stray. A kicking mule can't pull and a pulling mule can't kick.

6. Their industry and efficiency should be an inspiration to us. If they can be so zealous for that which we believe to be false, what should our attitude be toward that which we believe to be true.

7. Most cults emphasize individual work. They believe in personal touch. They put everybody to work. How does this compare with your church?

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THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL
The Word of God Under Varied Conditions
Changes the Lives of Individuals and
Builds Up Groups of Believers
in Manchukuo (Manchuria)

I have yet to find during observations and experiences of nearly thirty years of missionary work here in the Far East and travels in other lands a single missionary in evangelistic work who has been, or is, discouraged. Rather are we much encouraged. And were God's people in the homelands able to see what we see, hear what we hear and feel what we feel, funds needed from abroad would not be lacking.

Taking the missionary's hand with warm grasp in both of his, with real earnestness and feeling, the leading man in the village, a stalwart Chinese of forty years, said: "Pastor, we have been looking forward for days to your visit." He and others were waiting in the cold outside the village to receive us, for two men on horseback had passed our cart and carried news ahead. Others were awaiting us in the house and hastened out into the yard with expressions of welcome when they hear the cart's approach on the frozen yard and the happy voices of those traveling with us.

Until a few years ago large numbers of Chinese Christians met us in the same spirit at the railway stations here in Manchuria, but to avoid abuse and intimidation they do this no more, for policing of the railways is now in different hands. But in their hearts there is the same appreciation and, we believe, a better understanding among the non-Christians as to our purpose and work.

Our first visit to this village, ten miles out from an outstation on the railway, was three years ago, along with a lay evangelist. On account of banditry the landowners had to flee to the railway for protection, while many of their homes were looted and burned. Among these was Mr. Hwa, the most influential, to whom was presented a Bible by a Christian while he was patiently waiting at Anganghsing for better days. It was then, during days of adversity and a realization of man's depravity and injustices, that he became a Christian. Later we had the pleasure of baptizing him and other members of his family.

Mr. Hwa is one of those who show real appreciation of the missionary and his message and an understanding of what it has meant for us to leave homeland, parents and others that he and his might have salvation, and deep gratification for Christ's great sacrifice. Such Christians always make rapid progress. On the cart with Evangelist Ku and me were a dear old man, his daughter-in-law, his son's daughter and three small children. They had come from a distant place to join others in the opening up of uncultivated land belonging to Mr. Hwa, and had never before heard the unsearchable riches of Christ. Bumping of the heavy wheels on the rough frozen road, with only a thin layer of straw between us and the floor of the heavy springless cart was hard on the women and children. These people were so impressed with our concern for their comfort and saving the children from frozen feet, ears and hands by sharing our bedding with them that they not only heard the Word willingly but with great reluctance saw us leave the village of their adoption.

On our first visit to Peitachai more than fifty men and women enrolled as enquirers. Some did so because of Mr. Hwa, the head of the village. Among these was a man who tore down his private heathen temple. But soon afterwards

How many of its members are actually at work as Christians.

8. Most cults thrive on our failures. We fail to enlist, we fail to be living examples and "an empty mind is the devil's workshop."

Literature on Spiritualism

M. E. Cadwallader—Hedgesville in History; Sir A. Conan Doyle—A History of Spiritualism; Houdini—A Magician Among the Spirits.

a cow died. Later members of his family became ill. He was frightened, and hastened to Anganghsing, where he was told by a soothsayer that he had offended the idols, foxes and other animals whom he had formerly worshipped. He was told to warn the people against becoming Christians, to rebuild the temple and restore worship of the animals which are supposed to embody the spirits of devils. By the time he did this his family had recovered from their sickness.

This gave a setback to the gospel, others also turning in fear to their old gods. But recently Miss Liu, the Bible woman, and Mr. Chang, the lay evangelist, held ten days of meetings in the village. The Christians were enabled to see the Truth in a better light and to find just where they stood. It seemed a fitting time for Evangelist Ku and the missionary to make a visit. I wanted especially to help them get a reading class started, using a primer of one thousand characters which makes possible reading of the New Testament. Regular weekly worship was organized, to be held in the Hwa home, and the reading class enthusiastically instituted, fourteen enrolling, Mr. Hwa teaching this six nights in the week. The roll of enquirers was revised. There are now forty-two who give evidence of being born again. These are to be prepared for baptism. They have now been formed into a regular organized group, and later will grow into a church with their own place of meeting.

Thus the work begins and develops at these places, each in a different way, but ultimately to the same end. The genuine love and appreciation of these people at such places is an inspiration. We are made to feel so unworthy and yet so grateful, as the children crowd around to hold our hands, to ask that we prolong our visit, and the older people expressing a desire to do anything in their power for us. It was possible to be there only two days and three nights. On the last night the meeting continued until long after twelve o'clock. As the babies went to sleep the mothers put them down upon the hard, warm brick "kang," covered with a thin, hard mat, but the boys and girls remained wide awake until 12:30.

At another place, Toutzan, visited on our way back to the railway, we advised with the group of some twenty Christians there regarding the building of a place of worship this spring. An earnest Christian has given for this a most desirable large lot in the center of the little town. At this place a reading class was also organized, twelve enquirers who cannot read enrolling for this. A Mr. Wang (King), who gave the lot, will teach the class. This work is largely the outgrowth of the Anganghsing Church, members of this group going to Toutzan, six miles distant, on their bicycles Sunday afternoons to preach.

At an important city, Antachan, one of our outstations, we responded to a request to assist them in selection and purchase of better buildings to be used as a church and evangelistic center. This, a leading soy bean center, has gone down commercially in recent years, but business has now improved since the advance in the price of grain. The Lord's work there is also going forward.

The writer is fond of hunting and fishing, but finds little time for this. Besides usually where there is good fishing or hunting bandits are too plentiful. I have, however, bagged several wild boar and deer during fifteen years in North Manchuria, and have beautiful trout and big land-locked salmon. Our most famous game is the savage, well-known Manchurian tiger. Of the smaller game the Manchurian pheasant is the best known. We have bagged a number of these, but never a bustard, a large brown bird, the size of a turkey, well-known in Europe and really considered "big game" because of its size. These wonderful big birds feed on soy beans, and are excellent eating. Knowing that we would likely see some along the way on this trip, I took with me my Springfield sported .30-06 rifle. Three of these big birds were taken as we followed the cart, this to the delight of

MY LASTING HOUSE

Rev. H. V. Andrews

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I have a house, a lasting house,
 Where I am daily tracing
 Upon its walls the scenes of life,
 That yield to no erasing.

This house I call my memory house,
 My life long habitation,
 Where I must view the scenes I paint
 With grief or consolation.

What care should mark my words and works,
 That leave abiding vision!
 Though some make lines that dim appear,
 Some make a deep incision.

My earthly house may fall, decay;
 My memory house abideth.
 Much I would cover from my sight,
 But naught there is that hideth.

Through Christ my sins may be forgiven,
 From heaven's record blotted;
 Yet still the walls of memory house
 With ugly spots are dotted.

WHAT ARE YOU READING?
 J. E. Dillard

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Perhaps of all the blessings of modern civilization there is none for which we should be so profoundly grateful as the easy access of reading material. Someone has said that the leaves of printed matter now out number the leaves of the forest.

The Wise Man complained in his day that there was no end to the making of books. What would he say if he were here now? The stream of books in his day as compared to our was a tiny rivulet compared to the mighty Gulf Stream.

The abundance, variety and accessibility of reading matter constitute our privilege and our peril. We must read—how else can we be intelligent and feel at home in the world? But who could read all or the tenth part of the good books in any one department of human thought and endeavor?

Then there are the magazines and the papers—who can swim such a sea? Yet we must read some of them to keep mentally alive.

Here are a few suggestions:

1. Be sure you have a good Bible, one printed in readable type (Minion for young people, Long Primer for old people), on good paper, well bound, self-pronouncing, with references and concordance. It will cost several dollars but will be a joy for years.

2. Get a worthwhile English dictionary. If you can't afford an unabridged, get Webster's Collegiate (fifth edition) or the Practical Standard. Don't get a cheap reprint dictionary and mispronounce your words.

3. Ask the manager of your Baptist book store to get for you the best book published on the particular subject you are interested in or the particular work you are trying to do in your church.

4. Get the magazine that gives fresh and pertinent information and suggestions about your specific task in your church. (Your church may furnish this to you gratis).

5. Subscribe for your state Baptist paper, pay for it in advance, and read it regularly and read it all. It is the only way to keep abreast the times denominational. It is the best paper in the world for you and the other members of your family. Let's be intelligent Baptists and thank God that we can be.

us all—regarded as a great feat by our Christian friends—and another was bagged just back of the village. This means that when my dear wife returns soon from America, restored to health, we shall rejoice together by having a bustard dinner for our Manchurian colleagues and others in celebration of her return.—Charles A. Leonard, Sr.

SUNBEAM FOCUS WEEK—MAY 7-12, 1939

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“I’ve been wondering what to do during the Focus Week.” Have you? Well here are some suggestions from WORLD COMRADES and you will find many others in the May issue. Don’t you think the best way to make plans is to figure out just what you really want to accomplish.

We go along at an even sort of pace in all our organizations until we just roll pleasantly into nice ruts and wend our way along, then here comes Focus Week to jog us out into better ways. In Focus Week the whole church looks at your Sunbeam Band. Mothers and fathers who never thought Sunbeam Bands important suddenly learn about how many there are—94,000 Sunbeams in 6,810 Sunbeam Bands.

The Sunbeam watchword is lovely with its three rays and an artistic Y. W. A. member could make the prettiest poster, the sun at a corner and three long rays with the wording of the watchword verses on them. Or the R. A.’s could fix one with an electric light behind it, you know with cellophane and all. That could stand in the church lobby with an announcement about Sunbeam Band meetings.

One fine thing we did and will repeat this year is to have every Sunbeam mother and every mother of a prospective Sunbeam Band member visited by the circle which fosters our Sunbeam Band. The Sunbeam leader goes as far as she can, but of course she can’t visit all the children’s homes in one week and there is a point in feeling that the visit is made during Focus Week. Take a copy of World Comrades and show it, leave a sample to be read. The more missionary literature we can put into Baptist homes the more we speed the Kingdom. And boys and girls just love WORLD COMRADES when they see it. When I remember how we cheated our children by just having three copies come to the Sunbeam leader, I am ashamed. Now many children have it in their own homes and watch eagerly for the postman to deliver it. They are learning splendid lessons in good taste in reading and when mothers read the stories aloud fathers learn too. It is amazing how they love the short stories included in programs and longer ones in the front of the magazine.

This is a splendid time to let the Sunbeams who have already learned the verses (Stewardship) say them, to be sure that they have them really in their hearts and to spur others on to learn. Maybe your pastors would like to have this in church, or your Sunday school superintendent arrange to have them at exercises of Sunday school when adults will be sure to hear. Parents learn more about tithing from these verses, one heard his little boy saying Malachi 3:10 and it set him to thinking. And let the Sunbeams go to the W. M. U. circle meetings that week, they can all go to the general W. M. S. meeting, or divide in groups to visit all the circles, and give the Sunbeam watchword, the Rally cry, sing the Sunbeam song and tell a story.

Then there is Mission Study, Personal Service, socials and ever so many other things, which will make this a wonderful week for the Sunbeams and their parents.

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CHILD IN OUR MIDST

I. The Child in Our Midst, Mark 9:36-37, 10:16.

“And Jesus took a little child and set him in the midst of them; and taking him in His arms He said, ‘Whosoever shall receive one such little one receiveth me.’ And He took them in His arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.”

The child in our midst is our greatest wealth and responsibility. Are we training him and bringing him to Jesus?

Recently, I listened to a noted psychologist as he talked to a group of elementary teachers. In stressing the importance of the early training of the child he said that we needed the very best

teachers in the kindergarten and first three grades. For at these ages the child is receiving his impressions of life and school. If given proper instruction and ideals then, when he gets to high school it will not matter so much about his teachers for he will have had the proper foundations laid.

“Whatever you write on the heart of a child, No waters can wash it away.

The sands may be shifted when billows are wild And the efforts of time may decay.

Some stories may perish, some songs be forgot; But this engraved record, time changes it not.

“Whatever you write on the heart of a child, A story of gladness or care
That heaven has blessed, or that earth has defiled
Will linger unchangeably there.
Who writes it has sealed it forever and aye,
He must answer to God on the great Judgment Day.”

Hitler said, “He who has the youth has our future.” He begins the military education of the boys of Germany at the age of six.

It is said that in Russia the kindergarten children march into their classes singing, “One, two, the Bible is not true; Three, four, pray no more.”

The rulers in trying to stamp out Christianity realize that these first impressions will dominate the life.

Someone has said that “Boys will be boys—but they forget to say that boys will be men—and the training that we give them now will determine what kind of men they will become.”

Again, it has been said, “The interests of childhood and youth will be the interests of mankind.” What are the boys and girls in our churches doing? Do we know their interests? Do we know what they are going to see, what they are reading? Are we finding out their interests or are we too busy with our own affairs to inquire into their interests?

A little boy went to his daddy’s side while he was reading the evening paper. “Daddy,” he whispered. The daddy looked up and said, “Well, what is it, what do you want this time?” The child timidly said, “Daddy, I just want to love you.”

How true that is. Our boys and girls just want to be loved, someone to be interested in them and love them.

Let us not be by our young people as Joses was toward his brother Jesus.

Joses, the brother of Jesus, plodded from day to day

With never a vision within him to glorify his clay

Joses, the brother of Jesus, was one with the heavy clod,

But Jesus had the soul of rapture, and soared like a lark with God.

Joses, the brother of Jesus, was only a worker in wood,

And he never could see the glory that Jesus his brother could.

“Why stays he not in the workshop?” he often used to complain,

Sawing the Lebanon cedar, imparting to wood their stain?

Why must he go thus roaming, forsaking my father’s trade,

While hammers are busily sounding, and there is gain to be made?

Thus ran the mind of Joses, apt with plummet and rule,

And deeming whoever passed him either a knave or a fool;

For he never walked with prophets in God’s great garden of bliss,

And of all the mistakes of the ages, the saddest methinks was this,

To have such a brother as Jesus, to speak with him day by day,

But never to catch the vision that glorified his clay.

And of all the mistakes of the ages the saddest I think is this—to have such young people around us, to talk with them day by day, and for us never to catch the vision that glorifies their clay.

The leaders of the social and business world realize the importance of the child. Foods, books and advertising of every nature is being designed to appeal to the child.

In the last two years my experience in teaching seven and eight year old children has made me realize the possibilities of the young child and his ability to understand.

We, as religious leaders, must keep up with the business, educational and social world in the training of the young child. What are we doing to train the children in our churches? I regret to say that in the last few years there has been a steady decrease in our Sunbeam bands in the South. Why?

II. Gen. 21:17-21.

Hagar and her son are in the wilderness. The water supply has gone. Hagar is distressed.

“And God heard the voice of the lad, and the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven and said unto her, ‘What aileth thee Hagar? Fear not, for God has heard the voice of the lad where he is. Arise, lift up the lad and hold him in thy hand; for I will make of him a great nation. And God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water; and she went and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink. And God was with the lad and he grew.’”

“And God heard.” Surely God hears the voices today as they call out to him. And I think He is speaking to leaders something like this, “Fear not, arise, lift up the lad and hold him.” We are so afraid to attempt the leadership of these organizations. So often we are sitting sad and distressed over the situation, wishing there were someone to lead our young people. Often I’ve heard people say, “I dare not take the responsibility of that organization.” We should be saying, “I dare not refuse that responsibility and opportunity.”

“God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water.” He will open our eyes, too. Through our wells of prayer, Bible study, mission study and magazines we may find water to quench the thirst of our young people.

“She went and filled the bottle and gave the lad to drink.” Are we willing to go to these wells and fill our bottles and carry them to our lads and lasses that they too may grow? God has promised to be with us and to guide and strengthen. The world is using every opportunity to gain the interests of our youth. Let us not wait until it is too late.

A woodchopper in Florida took his young son and went into the woods to chop wood. The child played around while the father worked. After a while the father was startled by the cry, “Papa, papa, hurry, hurry, papa.” He dropped his ax and ran, but just as he reached the place where the cry had come from he saw an alligator’s tail give a flap as he disappeared into the swamps with the boy.

Leaders, mothers, friends, let us not get so busy with our work, though it may be ever so worthwhile, that we lose sight of our children and their need of love and protection.

“Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him.”

—Eva Monroe.

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Let everybody give something to the Baptist Orphanage on Mother’s Day.

Whereas, God has blessed me with a happy family—and has permitted me to live that I might care for and help train my children. Therefore, I am resolved: 1. Not to forget to help the orphan child who has been left to make his way in the world alone; 2. To give regularly and liberally to the Baptist Orphanage which cares for the orphan children of my church, and to remind others to do likewise.

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East Mississippi Department

By R. L. BRELAND

A letter from Miss Lucile Bassett of Philadelphia says: "I went to a county Baptist Association meeting at Spring Creek Baptist Church last week. Had a good crowd, some very inspirational messages and of course plenty of dinner." Those Neshoba Baptists are busy.

A letter from Mrs. L. D. Clements of Coffeeville, notifies us that things in the church are going along nicely. Glad this is true since they have had some recent trouble.

Mrs. J. A. Massey of Tillatoba Baptist Church says: "Brother Saucier delivered an interesting sermon the second Sunday on the letters in Easter. We then had the Lord's Supper."

A letter from Mrs. Josie Smith tells us that things are moving nicely with the Pittsboro Baptist Church. May the Grace of God abound.

Mrs. Minnie Chapman of Coffeeville, tells of conditions. The sun is shining again, and all feel better. The Lord be praised.

Miss Nora Viverette of Neshoba says, "Mr. Ben Rhodes visited Cola (his wife) one day last week (at Magee Hospital) and he says she seems to be doing pretty well."

Rev. Coyth Hill of Oak Grove Baptist Church, Neshoba county, sends his good wishes. He desires to attend Mississippi College next session. His address is Philadelphia, Miss., Route 6.

Cards from Dr. J. P. Kirkland of New Albany and Rev. J. L. Ray, Jr., of Pontotoc, tell of the work in their parts. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Partridge of Oak Grove report that the work is doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Boyd Dolittle of Bethel Baptist Church, Calhoun County, say, "God has been good to us. He has not dealt with us according to our deeds, but according to His mercy."

I remember pleasantly a night in their home with them and their five

children. Blessings on them.

Miss Iris Dobbs of Fellowship Baptist Church, Choctaw County, near Mathiston, says: "We have organized a prayer meeting at Fellowship and are praying for you." Miss Dobbs is one of the fine Christian girls of that church.

Mrs. Ola Matthews of Coldwater Baptist Church, Neshoba county, says, "We like brother Byrd fine. We are thrilled over the progress of our new church building. Come and spend a while with us when it is finished." Nothing would delight me more. Langham Clark of the same church, superintendent of the Sunday school says: "We are going to have a Sunday School Study Course beginning Saturday night. We will teach When Do Teachers Teach. The only way to keep up interest is to keep eternally at it."

A letter from Wilbur C. Breland, son of Mrs. Lula Breland of Philadelphia, Miss., says: "We expect to leave here about December 1 if Hitler does not get us in bad, and we think he has about reached the end of his rope. The Lord has His eyes upon him!" Mr. Breland is located at Honolulu, with Company D, 3d Engineers, Schofield Barracks.

My colored friends of Coffeeville, Arthur and Edna Durden write: "This will remind you that we are thinking of you and praying for you." That is fine. Also brother C. D. Ingram another colored friend, sends a card of good wishes. I love my colored friends.

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S. S. ATTENDANCE, APRIL 30th

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| Jackson, First Church | 1125 |
| Jackson, Davis Mem. Church | 267 |
| Jackson, Northside Church | 135 |
| Jackson, Griffith Mem. Church | 751 |
| Clarks Venable Church | 151 |
| Glenfield Church, Union Co. | 87 |
| Clarksdale Church | 660 |
| Shelton Church (Jones Co.) | 105 |
| West Laurel Church | 571 |
| Vicksburg, First Church | 557 |
| Utica Church | 123 |
| New Zion Church (Leake) | 104 |
| Laurel, First Church | 487 |
| Laurel, Second Ave. Church | 375 |
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B.T.U. ATTENDANCE APRIL 30

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| Jackson, First Church | 230 |
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| Jackson, Northside Church | 53 |
| Jackson, Griff. Mem. Church | 335 |
| Clarksdale Church | 181 |
| Utica Baptist Church | 68 |
| Vicksburg, First Church | 150 |
| West Laurel Church | 234 |
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B.T.U. ATTENDANCE, APRIL 23

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| Collins Church | 55 |
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S. S. ATTENDANCE, APRIL 23rd

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| Collins Church | 42 |
| Utica Church | 135 |
| Tupelo, Calvary Church | 385 |
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The Assembly

The Mississippi Baptist Assembly meets at the Woman's College, Hattiesburg, July 3-8. A good program is being arranged and will soon be off the press. Save this date and use the week for a time of rest as well as information and inspiration.

The very reasonable rate of \$5.00 per person is made where ten or more come from the same church or community.

The May Builder

The May issue of the Sunday School Builder is several pages larger than usual, and lays great stress on the Sunday school in connection with revival meetings. Fine articles appear in it from two Mississippi preachers. This special edition is being sent to every Sunday school.

Certainly, this splendid magazine is easily the finest periodical we have ever had to help superintendents put on a real program of Sunday school work. It should be ordered, along with the other literature, each quarter so that the superintendent may be provided with the best for his work, just as the teachers are for theirs with the periodicals provided for them.

100%

The Character Builders' class—12 year boys—of the Junior department of Philadelphia, Miss. Carolyn Madison, superintendent, was 100% for the entire quarter of January, February, and March. Mr. J. E. Fields is teacher.

This is certainly a most remarkable record, and we congratulate the boys themselves and the teacher on maintaining this very splendid record for an entire quarter.

Adult Growth

The Adult department of the Sunday school at West Point, Dr. J. A. Stewart, pastor, and E. H. Ruble, superintendent, had an average increase in six weeks of 142% over the same period last year. The entire school attendance on a recent Sunday was 660, the greatest ever in the history of the church.

Standard in One Month

Miss Margaret Harris, church secretary at Leland, has a class of girls, ages 17-20. They recently organized the class and within one month after the organization had reached every point in the standard for a Young People's class. Not only that, but the class now has 12 members, only one of whom was a regular attendant before the class was organized.

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children will want to fail to order just as many copies of this free leaflet as needed from Department of Sunday School Administration, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. They are to be carried into the homes of our pupils—a special message for parents.

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CATHERINE—A HOSPITAL STORY

By Louis J. Bristow, Superintendent

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Some weeks ago I wrote a story about a girl who snagged her arm on a briar, got an infection, and who had had a terribly hard time in the Southern Baptist Hospital. Well, that story needs a sequel.

Away out in Alden, Kansas, a little girl read my story, took a copy of it to her school teacher (fourth grade), with a result that the little girls of that grade sent some money with which we bought a Christmas tree for Catherine—and she had the happiest Christmas of her young life, even though she was in a hospital bed. The daily papers in New Orleans heard of Catherine, had pictures of her in their front pages, with the Christmas tree; and hundreds of presents were sent in to her. But the best thing was this:

A good woman in Georgia saw my story, and here is what she wrote: "Seeing your piece in the Christian Index about the little girl who got her arm snagged on a briar. I am sending you \$1.00 towards her expense, trusting it will help a little. I have had a desire to do something for your hospital for years, but never felt able to do as much as I would like. I am just a common farm widow."

Now, could anything be better than that? An dare we not told that it is accepted "according to what a man hath, and not according to what he hath not?" That good woman lives on a rural delivery route out from Fitzgerald; and her gift is appreciated beyond words to express.

Catherine came to our hospital last September. She has been near death several times. The infection got down into her leg; and a few days ago surgeons removed part of the bone between the knee and the ankle, involving the ankle joint. The little girl will never walk well like normal folk; but isn't it a fine thing that Southern Baptists have a place to care for girls who suffer as she has? Of course, this case is costing the hospital a goodly sum of money—probably \$1,500 to \$2,000. Is Catherine worth that sum? Suppose she were your little daughter? We need your help in this case.

—Louis J. Bristow.

New Orleans, La.

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Sunday School Lesson

By BRACEY CAMPBELL

Lesson for May 7

PAUL WORKING WHERE GREEK MEETS GREEK

Acts 16:16-18:17

Paul and his company went through Amphipolis and Apollonia and came to Thessalonica, where they entered into the synagogues of the Jews, where Paul preached Jesus as the Christ of Jewish prophecy. The Jews became jealous when the Greeks believed, and they raised a mob against Paul, and made an assault on the home of Paul's host, one Brother Jason, whom they dragged before the rulers of the city, where they brought the general accusation that Paul and his party had turned the world upside down, and were now come to Thessalonica for the same purpose, and that Jason was harboring them in his house, thereby proving himself a traitor to Caesar, preaching that there was another king, Jesus.

By night the brethren sent Paul and Silas to Beroea, where they went into the synagogue and taught, finding a people who were willing to examine the scriptures to see whether Paul was preaching the truth. A number of people in Beroea believed, but as soon as the Jews in Thessalonica heard of the success of Paul and Silas in Beroea, they sent men to make trouble for them there. Thus the devil dogs the footsteps of those who seek to serve the Lord.

Paul went forth from Beroea leaving his companions, Silas and Timothy, and going as far as to Athens. Here occurred Paul's address to the philosophers of Athens, perhaps the most intellectual group whom Paul ever had the privilege of addressing. Turn to your Bible again and read Acts 17:16-34. Here Luke tells the story of the delivery, and gave the contents of an address which takes easy rank among the most notable ever delivered in the world. The topic of this address is the Christian God. Paul began his address very skillfully, striving to placate his audience by paying them a compliment. Then he passed quickly to tell them that the God they do not know is the only one there is, that He is Lord of everything there is, having made it, and that He can not be shut up in anybody's temple, is not served by men's hands as though He needed anything, but that He instead gives to all men all things they have, that He made of one blood all people who on earth do dwell, and appointed to all of them their seasons and the bounds of their habitations, and that He did all this that they might feel after God and find Him, though He is very close to all of us. Being then the offspring of God, they ought not to think the God is like unto gold, or silver, or precious stone, which is or may be carved by the art of

man. The Christian does not make his God, but the Christian's God makes the Christian. It was very well when they did not know God to go along and do the best they could, but now God summons men to learn of Him, and to repent of their sin and turn to God; because God is going to judge the world in righteousness on His appointed Judgment Day, by the man whom He has appointed to be the judge of all, and that God has guaranteed that this judgment day is coming by raising the appointed Judge from the dead. Here at the last (Acts 17:30, 31) we have Paul's conception of the judgment. 1. The judgment is certain. The Day has been appointed. As far as I know, it is the only day that is appointed. 2. The judgment is world-wide in its scope. "He will judge the world." 3. The basis of the judgment. The command of God. "He commandeth men." 4. The standard of the judgment. The righteousness of God. "He will judge the world in righteousness." 5. The mediator of the judgment. Christ Jesus. "The man whom He hath appointed." The crowd left him when he spoke of the resurrection, but a few believed. Howbeit, Paul went out from them and journeyed down to Corinth.

I. Paul in Corinth. Acts 18:1-17.

Perhaps there was no city in the Roman world which presented an appearance of greater difficulty than Corinth. It had once been the great commercial metropolis before, but it had been burnt to the ground by the Romans in 146 B. C., it had remained a ruin until Julius Caesar in 46 B. C. The new Corinth became nearly as large and prosperous as the old had been. Corinthian pottery and works of brass were transported all over the world. The Isthmian games made the city a centre of Hellenic life. But as it grew rich, it became wicked. The patron goddess of the city was Aphrodite, unclean goddess who trafficked in the sexual purity of 1,000 priestesses at the time in order to fill her coffers with gold. In fact, the act of sexual indulgence committed with one of her priest-

esses was regarded as an act of worship. It was into this reeking cesspool of corruption and brazen sin that Paul came with the simple gospel of a pure life in Jesus Christ the Lord.

He found Aquilla and his devout wife Priscilla (Vv. 1-3), and abode and wrought with them, making his living with his hands while he preached the gospel from the love of it. The manner of this preaching we see in Vv. 4, 5. He reasoned, he may not have ranted, but he did reason; and he persuaded Jews and Greeks, though he may not have puffed or panted or pounded the pulpit with his fists. Of course, his work in Corinth stirred up opposition. The devil is on his job, too, and he never sleeps, so Paul had to cease his ministry to his kinsmen in the flesh, and go to the gentiles. Did you never hear brother Solomon Ginsburg, the Wandering Jew of Brazil, say he thought it best that a Jew should not undertake to evangelize his fellow Jews? but that it is better for a gentile Christian to undertake that work? So when Paul got out of the synagogue, he had great success, leading to the Lord even Crispus, a Jew not only, but the ruler of the synagogue.

But I suppose Paul must have become discouraged; for the Lord thought fit to comfort him, hence, came in a vision by night to bid him, "Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace: for I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to harm thee: for I have much people in this city." Thus encouraged, Paul abode and served the Lord in Corinth for eighteen months.

In Vv. 12-17, we have an account of a Jewish effort against

Paul which failed even before the Roman Ruler. He would not bring them into his court an accusation against a man who was accused only of an offense against their law, and knowing nothing of Jesus, and regarding His as one another Jewish name, he would have nothing to do with the matter, and drove them from before his judgment seat. Then the Roman master broke loose, they being heartless haters of the Jews anyway, and they seized the ruler of the synagogue and beat him in the presence of the Roman judge, and he paid no attention to them.

II. Paul Gives Account to the Corinthians of his Ministry Among Them. I Cor. 2:1-5.

Get your Bible now and read this passage. (Wait a minute! I am going to stop right now and read it again). Now here is what he says: His preaching among them was not in the wicker of excellent speech nor according to the canons of human wisdom. But on the other hand, it was Christ centered, all in the Christ who was crucified. As to himself, Paul declares that he was afraid and weak, but he relied wholly on the Lord. When he thus relied wholly on the Lord, the Lord used him, making him the channel of his blessing to Corinth.

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On March the 1st and Annuary B.C. met in annual a season of med viewed and plan adopted governing the Board for the home-going F. Thomas, counseled of the Board occurred 1938. A worthy record.

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Thursday, May 4, 1939

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE RELIEF AND ANNUITY BOARD

On March the fifteenth the Relief and Annuity Board of the S.B.C. met in annual session. After a season of meditation and prayer the work of the past year was reviewed and plans presented and adopted governing the activities of the Board for the ensuing year.

The home-going of Hon. Cullen F. Thomas, counsel and advisory counsel of the Relief and Annuity Board occurred on December 8, 1938. A worthy tribute was read and made a part of the permanent record.

The Executive Secretary, Dr. Thomas J. Watts made the following glowing report:

The Record of Progress for 1938

I. The Convention Ministers Retirement Plan.

1. South Carolina began active operation of the plan July 1, 1938 with 438 churches and 228 ministers participating. On March 1, 1939 there were 545 churches and 291 ministers.

2. The plan became effective in Texas January 1, 1939 with 760 churches and 637 ministers participating.

3. Missouri, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Florida and Georgia have adopted the plan and are looking to the inauguration of the plan July 1, 1939. Virginia and North Carolina have adopted the plan and have committees working out the final details.

4. Maryland has adopted the plan in principle and is looking toward active operation. The Tennessee and Mississippi Conventions have committees at work to report in the fall.

II. Other Group Plans.

1. Foreign Mission Board Pension Plan.

Every Missionary of the Foreign Mission Board is included in this plan. Every new appointee to the foreign field automatically becomes a participant. There are now 431 participating members paying dues. Sixty-one are now receiving benefits under the plan.

2. Baptist Board Employees Retirement Plan.

The Home Mission Board, S.B.C., the Executive Committee, S.C.C., the Relief and Annuity Board, S.C.C., the southern Baptist Hospital at New Orleans, the Home for Aged Baptists in Missouri, the Kansas City Mission Board, the St. Louis Mission Board, the College of Marshall, the Baptist Foundation of Texas, the Baptist Publishing House of El Paso, Texas, the Baptist Book Store of Dallas, the Baptist Standard of Texas, the Alabama Baptist, the W. M. U. of Virginia, the Baptist Courier of South Carolina, and the following State Mission Boards: Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Illinois, Florida, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, and Kentucky.

3. Institutional Pension Plan for Orphanages.

The orphanages participating in this plan are in the following states: Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina (two), South Carolina, Florida, Alabama, Louisiana, Texas,

Oklahoma, Illinois and New Mexico.

4. The Institutional Pension Plan for Colleges and Seminaries.

The staff employees and teachers of the Baptist Bible Institute, the Oklahoma Baptist University and Mars Hill College are participating.

III. The Relief Department.

\$90,776.28 was paid out to our worthy veterans of the Cross by the Relief Department. This was quite an increase over 1937 but it is shamefully small. The Fellowship Offerings will help to increase these benefits when our churches make them a part of their regular plans as they do for other causes.

Financial Statement

Total receipts from all sources amounted to \$539,279.16 and total expenditures were \$464,542.49. The excess of income over expenditures was \$74,736.67.

The total Relief and Annuity benefits for 1938 amounted to \$363,619.75.

Our investment earning rate for 1938 was 4.76%. This was above the average in this day of low interest rates.

C. J. OLANDER,
Mississippi Member of Relief and Annuity Board.

SAVED BY THE TEN COMMANDMENTS From Manchuria

Wu was a poor, landless, sweet potato seller. He lived in his hut north of the river from the market town. For years he had been more or less a warm-hearted Christian. The bandits swept down on his village, cleaned out all the live stock and took about fifty of the people for ransom, and luckless Wu was in the group.

On the second day after this happened the bandit leader, in looking over his captives, seeing Wu, declared that he was the one who tried to thrust him through with a spear. Wu protested his innocence to no avail. He was bound up and left to his meditations.

A day later the leader came back in search of the man who tried to stab him with a spear. Seeing Wu again he said, "Yes, he is the one. Take him out and shoot him." Wu told him he was not one of the superstitious sect of the Boxers, who were their opponents, but he was a Christian, and the Christians were peaceful people.

"Are you a Christian?" they asked. "If so, you give us the Ten Commandments."

He gave these all to their great satisfaction, and then they asked him about other parts of the Bible. They inquired about certain evangelists, and he knew them all and the location of their chapels. With wide open eyes they said one to another, "This man is a sure enough Christian." And one said to the leader, "See what you were about to do!" He replied, "But he sure

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did look like the man that tried to stab me."

Wu was released, but about thirty others taken captive from his village never returned to tell the story.

Wu said if he could just grind and sell flour he would be in a much better condition, so from your generosity we gave him ten dollars for a donkey and three dollars to buy a bag of wheat (a total of a little above U. S. \$2.00.) He has faithfully promised to give the tithe of all his increase, and we trust he will live happily ever after.

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MISS. WOMANS COLLEGE

The following officers of the Baptist Student Union of Mississippi Woman's College have been elected to serve in 1939-40:

President, Polly Love, Hattiesburg; First Vice-President, Valois Byrd, Mt. Olive; Second Vice-President, Margaret Montgomery, Laurel; Third Vice-President, Doris Wilson, Laurel; Secretary, Mary Nell Donnieal, Summerland; Treasurer, Zola Avara, Bailey; Sunday School Representative, Laura Ann Sumrall, Bay Springs; Baptist Training Union Representative, Edith Sue Williams, Taylorsville; Young Women's Auxiliary President, Mary Lee Morris, Newton; Baptist Student Representative, Katherine Watts, Purvis; Publicity Chairman,

Ann McWilliams, Hattiesburg; Reporter, Ruth Weeks, Port Neches, Texas; Extension Chairman, Cleo White, McComb; Chorister, Martha Gene McCormack, Pachuta; Pianist, Lillie Ree Ponder, Weathersby; Student Government Representative, Elsie Sumrall, Laurel; Methodist Representative, Dorothy Arlington, Collins; Presbyterian Representative, Margaret Steele, Union Church.

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Two bachelor girls were exchanging confidences just before Christmas. One said to the other: "Sis, would a long stocking hold all you want for Christmas?"

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The Children's Circle

MRS. FRANCES LIPSEY STEELE

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My Dear Children:

How much do you appreciate your church? Have you ever thought how it would be to live in a town where there were no churches? No churches! You can hardly imagine a place without them. There would probably be no schools either, for usually the same people who are interested in building a strong church are the same ones who want good schools. There wouldn't be any hospitals either or—oh well, you just think for yourself what a barren place it would be. Your father and mother would not want to live there or rear their children there. If then, the church is such an important part of our community, if it means so much to us, then surely it is worth all of our loyalty and support. We should be willing—no, more than willing, eager—to do all that we can toward making possible and building up our church. In consideration of all that it does for us, we owe it our regular attendance, our prayers, and our financial support as God has prospered us. We could not have a very strong church if nobody attended the services, or if nobody prayed for it or if nobody gave toward its support. Sometimes we think that because we are only one, that what we do does not amount to much. That is a mistaken idea, for the whole membership is made up of "single ones." Let's ask ourselves the question

"What sort of church would my church be?

If every member were just like me?"

and then pledge our loyal support in every way possible.

Our new members this week are Venetia and Sarah Myrle Delk, and our old friends who write again to us are Mrs. Tabor for the Junior department in her Sunday school and Mary Sue Barron. Each one of them encloses a gift for which we are very grateful. They are having a share in a valuable part of God's work.

The financial report is impressive in one way this month. Just look what a fine list of contributors! It seems to me that we had more to send an offering than we have had for a long time. Blessings on every single one of you!

With love,
MRS. FRANCES STEELE.

BIBLE STUDY

The Story of Stephen. Read Acts 6:9-15 and 7.

Because the twelve apostles were unable to minister to all those in need and to do their work as preachers, too, it was necessary for the church at Jerusalem to select seven men among the believers to be responsible for this work. These men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and of wisdom were the first deacons. Stephen, one of these seven deacons, not only waited on the poor, but he preached to the people and did many great miracles among them. Then some of these Jews who would not believe hated him for preaching Jesus and took him before the council for trial. There, men whom they had hired to bring false charges against him, said "This man speaks wicked words against the temple and against God's holy law." Those who sat in the council, even those who hated Stephen, saw his face as the face of an angel. The high priest asked him, "Are these things so?"

Stephen answered by repeating to them some of the history of their own people: of how God had called Abraham, and had led Isaac, Jacob, Joseph and Moses, caring for His chosen people. He told them of how their fathers had forsaken God and

worshiped idols; of how they had persecuted and even killed the prophets. Then he said, "You are like your fathers. They killed the prophets who were sent to tell them about Jesus who was to come, and now you have betrayed and murdered that Just One."

When they heard these words, they were filled with anger against Stephen and gnashed on him with their teeth. But, he, looking toward heaven, saw a glorious light there, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and he exclaimed, "I see the heavens opened and Jesus standing at the right hand of God!" Then they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears so that they could not hear his words, and fell upon him and cast him out of the city and stoned him. As they stoned him, he spoke to God, saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and prayed, "Lord, forgive these who stone me." When he said this, he died. Good men took Stephen's body and buried it and were greatly grieved because of his death.

Rural Route
Hattiesburg, Miss.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I haven't written to the Children's Circle before. I have been reading the children's letters for a long while and became interested, so I decided to write.

Our school is out and I have completed the seventh grade. I am 13 years old.

I am sending 10c. You may divide it between the B. B. I. girl and the Baptist Orphanage.

Sarah Myrle and I are sisters, so we are sending our letters together.

Your friend,
Venetia Delk.

Since you have completed the seventh grade, you can say you are in the eighth grade, can't you, Venetia? We heartily welcome you and Sara Myrle to the Circle, and thank you for your gift.—F.L.S.

Rural Route No. 1
Hattiesburg, Miss.
April 25, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I've been reading the Children's Circle ever since we have been taking the Baptist Record. I attend Sunday school and preaching and B. Y. P. U. every Sunday. I have never written to the Children's Circle before. I am sending one dime (10c) to be divided between the Baptist Orphanage and the B. B. I. girl.

Your friend,
Sara Myrle Delk.

Sara Myrle, we are glad that you are now not only a reader of the Children's Circle but also a writer to the Circle, and besides that we are grateful to you for being a contributor.—F.L.S.

Gloster, Miss.
April 19, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

Here is another dollar for the J. E. Byrd Memorial. We like to think that we are doing something, if in a small way, for the children to have a place to worship or to live, whichever they need.

Our greetings to all the boys and girls and to you.

We are enjoying the puzzles each week.

Sincerely,
Mrs. R. R. Tabor,
Jr. Dept., S. S.

Mrs. Tabor, we hope that you will express to each one of these Juniors our appreciation of their offering through the Children's Circle. They cannot do a better thing than to serve God by helping others. Thank you for your

encouragement.—F.L.S.

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Crystal Springs, Miss.
April 27, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I haven't written in a long time. School is out here, and even though I like to go to school, I am glad it is out.

Isn't everything beautiful now? God is very good to us to give us all these things. I am very happy because I know we have a true God to worship.

I am sending an answer to the Bible questions. I enjoy filling them out.

Our Junior B.Y.P.U. has thirty-five members. I have been going for two years. Once I was group captain and once president. I think a B.Y.P.U. is very nice. Mr. Bishop is president of the whole B.T.U. We had our study course not long ago. Mr. Claud was our teacher. Mrs. Robert Long is our regular teacher. Mrs. Taylor helps her.

I am sending twenty-five cents for Miss McSween's scholarship.

Here are the answers to Mary Alice's puzzle. I hope they are right.

1. Christian Acts glorify God.
2. Press toward the Mark to be a Christian.

3. On the day of Pentecost people were won to Christ in great numbers.

4. God Judges His people righteously.

5. Even the highest of Kings must bow to the Lord.

6. Being a Missionary is a Christian Act.

7. Most Hebrews have good morals.

8. If you were in a war stricken country, you would have many lamentations.

Your friend,

Mary Sue Barron.

Mary Sue, we are happy to hear from you again. Thank you for this gift to Miss McSween's scholarship. When you hear of the good work that she is doing, you can say, "I helped to prepare her for that, so I am having a share in her work." I'm glad that you liked and answered Mary Alice's puzzle. I really believe you did some thinking. In number six and number seven she filled the blanks this way: "6. Being a missionary is a Christian Job. 7. Most Proverbs have good morals," but I think your answers are excellent too.—F.L.S.

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PUZZLE

Underline the word or words that fit in the sentences below.

1. Paul and Barnabas, Sodom and Gomorrah, Ananias and Sapphira, Jacob and Esau, James and John, Joshua and Caleb were two brothers.

2. Elijah, Saul, Stephen, Peter, Philip was stoned to death.

3. Sarah, Ruth, Esther, Rachel, Miriam was the beloved wife of Jacob.

4. When Peter first met Jesus, he was a tentmaker, a fisherman, a carpenter, a scribe, a tax collector.

5. God gave the tables of stone containing the law to Moses on Mt. Horeb, Mt. Moriah, Mt. Ararat, Mt. Pisgah, Mt. Sinai.

6. David played upon the cymbal, the harp, the trumpet to soothe King Saul.

7. Daniel, Jonah, David, Amos, Jeremiah, was put in the den of lions.

8. Daniel, Jonah, David, Amos, Jeremiah was thrown in the dungeon.

9. The Lord was pleased with Solomon because he asked for riches, power, wisdom, popularity.

10. Noah sent out from the ark an angel, a raven, a dove, a swallow, a sparrow to see if the waters had fallen.

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Yazoo Associational Special
The Eden church has just completed two Study courses with 22 enrolled using the Junior Manual and "Witnessing for Christ." The Yazoo City church has completed a week's study on the Junior Manual and the Senior Manual. We had 45 total enrollment — including Adults, Seniors, Intermediates, and Juniors. On the closing night we planned a social in the form of a banquet. A candlelight service closed the banquet in which every B.T.U. office was represented. Each member present "sent the light" to every member and officer in his Union. New officers were installed and the pledge read by our director, Mr. Watson. All those attending dressed up in their party best, "Tux and party frocks." There were toasts, impromptu songs, quartets, speeches, comments about the study courses, etc.

The last Associational program was short and varied from the Story Hour through the Adults. Playlets, choruses, and Bible verses dominated. We were pleased to have the opportunity of using the Yazoo City R.A. choir of 23 voices in our county program. Eden took honors on the Efficiency Banner and Yazoo City on Attendance. Two others churches were represented.

One of the Yazoo City Intermediates printed a beautiful certificate for the Anding church, which had held the Efficiency Banner for three previous quarters. Eden is now planning to receive certificates on the same order, one for Attendance award and one for Efficiency last year.

Another plan under way is for a county wide social, having each church responsible for a few minutes' entertainment. All plans arranged for before hand with a general get acquainted game, or ice-breakers to start off.

On May 3rd the Associational officers will meet for the purpose of studying the Associational B.T.U. Manual. This meeting will be in Yazoo City.

Our elimination contests, getting ready for the District Convention to meet in Lexington to be held soon.

Yazoo City reports two new unions, a Story Hour and B.A.U.

Providence church is in the formation of a Senior B.Y.P.U. and Liverpool is interested in organizing.

Eden has elected Mrs. C. M. Powell as director and Mrs. D. I. Young as Junior Leader. Black Jack church has a new pastor, Rev. T. F. Stroud.

Mrs. J. E. Ward, Director.
Mrs. V. R. Netherland, Sec.

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Questions That Are Being Asked About the Conventions

Q. Do the conventions have more than a one-day session?

A. No, they open at 10:00 a. m.

and close at 9:00 p. m. No overnight entertainment.

Q. Is there any expense to attending the convention other than transportation?

A. Yes, a 25c registration fee is asked. This is not requested, we want everyone to attend regardless. Those who feel that they can pay the fee, will. This is our means of financing these programs. This is the only expense, as the host church serves free dinner and supper.

Q. Are the churches supposed to send contestants to the convention?

A. The plan this year is for each association to have an elimination contest to which all churches will send their contestants. The association in turn will send the first and second place winners in the Story Hour, Junior and Intermediate contests and the first winner in the Senior contest to the convention. If this elimination contest is not held in the association, each church is asked to send their contestants to the convention and the elimination contest by associations will be held there.

Q. How is the place of the next convention selected?

A. Churches desiring the convention next year are asked to bring their invitation to the convention this year. These invitations are referred to a committee who suggests to the convention the place to go, the convention then votes on it.

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Juniper Grove Church in Pearl River county recently had an interesting study course. Rev. Charles Hamlet, III, pastor of the church secured the services of two Hillman College girls, Miss Dorothy Kennedy and Miss Lillian Overton, to help in the work there. Twenty-four Juniors, 30 Intermediates and 23 Seniors took the examination.

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Congratulations to Coffeeville on the setting up of the Training Union with four unit organizations. Brother N. B. Saucier is acting pastor in the absence of Pastor R. L. Breland who has to be away on account of his health. They plan a training school next week.

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Mrs. M. C. McDaniel, Holmes County Associational Director, reports the organization of a Training Union at Tchula with two unions, an Intermediate with Mrs. T. J. Slay leader, and a Junior with Mrs. F. Burnley as leader. Mr. Floyd Burnley is the director. A Story Hour is also reported for Goodman with Mrs. Dave Ford, leader.

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LOOK
All delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention will find it profitable to look for the exhibit of the Southern Mutual Church Insurance Co., in the exhibit hall.—J. K. Hair, Secretary, Columbia, S. C.

TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR P. H. EAGER

"Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile."

"Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his."

"Mark the perfect man; and behold the upright, for there is a happy end to the man of peace."

"The just shall live by faith."

"Purifying their hearts by faith."

"The life that I now live in the flesh, I live in faith, the faith which is in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself up for me."

There are certain scriptures which when the end comes we naturally associate with the one whom we lose. There is good reason for this, because the truth in these scriptures or what lies behind them produced the life and made him what he was.

An Israelite indeed! There are national and race ideals as well as individual ideals. From these words of Jesus we gather that the ideal Israelite was one in whom was found no guile; one of transparent sincerity, of beautiful simplicity, whose mind is clear because his heart is clean whose spirit reflects truth like the clear water reflects the blue sky; into whose depths you may look and see no soiled earth or corrupt substance.

The face of our friend showed the nature of his indwelling spirit. It was as clear as a cameo. I remember the first time I saw him. His was the face of an artist who saw what was beautiful in the world and expressed it in truth.

He would have been the last to claim any excellence of soul as arising from himself as a personal possession. He was conscious of his need of divine help. And so we associate with him those scriptures which disclose that "the just shall live by faith." His heart was purified by faith. He walked by faith. He could say truly that the life which I now live in the flesh, I live in faith, the faith which is in the Son of God. It was his joy to proclaim that his hope was in nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. It was his desire to see this transforming saving faith made known to others.

He walked with God and he is not, for God took him. The companionship of Jesus was his delight. Sunday was the feast day of the week with him. He never failed to be at the house of God when it was possible for him to be there. It was an inspiration to a pastor to have him in the congregation. Those who knew him most intimately were those who esteemed him most highly.

It seemed a fitting thing that his

home going was on Sunday morning. He joined the circle of those who around the throne unceasingly worship Him who liveth forever and ever. The transition from this life to that above was easy for him. He is no stranger in heaven. He is much at home with those who are in heaven. His citizenship was in heaven. He had lived close to the land of Beulah.

Any one of us might willingly say, "Let me die the death of the righteous and let my last end be like his." "Mark the perfect man; and behold the upright, for there is a happy end to the man of peace."

Professor Eager was born in Warren County, Mississippi, Nov. 21, 1851, the son of Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Eager, who were from Vermont. He was graduated from Mississippi College in 1878. He held the chair of English in the University of Mississippi; was president of Brownsville Female College in Tennessee; then of Baylor College in Belton, Texas. He returned to his Alma Mater in 1895 and for about twenty-five years he was head of the English department. He passed away in Clinton within half a mile of the home where his childhood was spent.

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We rejoice to report so many gracious revival meetings. We hope all pastors will report them promptly.

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SAYINGS OF SOLOMON

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Dr. E. D. Solomon is a Mississippian and will never get over it. He has been pastor in Mississippi and Louisiana; also Mission Secretary in Louisiana. He has been for several years Editor of the Florida Baptist Witness. His editorials are often personal experiences, as is this one below. This will interest our people. It was especially interesting to this editor whose father was pastor of Bethel Church, and we often went with him there. Our great-grandfather and great-grandmother were members there, and their bodies were buried in the church cemetery.—Editor.

Bethel was a famous old Baptist church a few miles from Coldwater, Miss. We were born in Coldwater on Christmas night. Too bad to spoil such a good Christmas.

My mother and father often visited this church in their courting days. It was the custom for the men to sit on one side of the house and the women on the other. They had a "middle wall of petition" down the center row of benches. Sometimes the young man would sit opposite his sweetheart and peep over the division, which came to the top of the benches. Some of the famous preachers of that day were pastors of this church—Hayward, Lipsey, Lea, Amicer and others.

When our very dear friend and college chum, Joel Sturdevant, was pastor there he asked us to help him in a meeting, each taking his turn in preaching. Neither of us had sermons enough to do all the preaching. One day we got on a rampage against profane language "cussers" and "taking the name of God in vain." We said, "A man who would 'cuss' would steal. In fact, he was worse than a thief—a thief had more sense because he got something for his stealing and what did a 'cuss' get for his 'cussing'? It was biting the devil's naked hook. It was pure, unadulterated meanness, bubbling up out of a wicked heart. God will not hold him guiltless, but would surely bring him into judgment. You old cussers, you are going to hell, where you belong." They said we hollered and squalled and beat the table in front of us. The folks didn't like it, especially the "cussers." The men gathered in groups outside of the church. One man named Baker was violent. He was going to "lick the life out of that little upstart of a preacher." The more cautious ones held him back. Joel came running in the church and said, "Ed, come on and get away from here; a man is threatening to kill you." We went to Tom Porter's home. He married Annie Echols. She was the sister of Miss Emma Echols, our first school teacher. We knew we were in safe hands. Tom was quite amused. He said, "Nobody will hurt you. You told them the truth. It will do them good. Stand up on your feet like a man and go after them." That was our first experience of this kind and we felt awfully bad about the affair. We took to the woods to pray. Joel was not only a good man, but a mighty man of prayer. We have thanked God all

our days for his prayers. He was much the older man. He was so kind and considerate to our "youthful indiscretion." We shall always love Tom Porter. He afterwards became a Methodist preacher and a very useful man.

Well, everybody got to talking about the meeting. They wanted to see that "rascalion who talked so sassy." But Joel thought best for him to preach until things quieted down. That man Baker came back, but how he looked daggers at us. He had blood in his eyes. We were not "exactly scared," but it made cold chills run up and down our back. It was an awful feeling. Somehow we were sorry, that fellow came back to church. But after a few services this man took Joel to one side and said "Let your little fellow preach. I feel sorry for him." So next day it was our time. The pulpit was very high and enclosed all around with a door on each side. We refused to get in that enclosure, but stood on the floor behind a table. We started off meek and mild, but somehow grew bolder and more daring as we proceeded. When we got to going good we looked back and there sat Baker with his baby in his arms. We walked to his side of the house, pointing a finger at him and said, "Here you are again, you old cuss, defiling the house of God with your old carcass. They tell me you curse before your family, even at your table. Then you want to whip a young preacher who tells you about your sins. If you don't repent of your meanness God is going to bring you into judgment."

That man got up and handed the baby across the partition to his wife and started towards the front. We thought he was after us. So did others. He came and knelt down and said, "I want Joel Sturdevant to pray for me." You talk about great and high experiences in life. That was one of them. Old Joel was one of God's "regular customers" at the throne of grace. He had a good standing in heaven and he knew how to plead the case of sinners. Someone has said, "We must learn how to plead with God for sinners before we can plead with sinners for God." This man was gloriously saved and led his family to Christ. He was later made a deacon. We met him afterwards at the Coldwater Association meeting in the Independence Baptist Church at "Bucksnot," sometimes called "Lick Skillet." So nick-named, they say, because in the early days the deer came there to lick salt. It was a fine community. There is where the famous horse Guy was born. He won the world's record in pacing. By the way, a young lady rode Shiloh, the sire of this horse, to the Bethel meeting and was converted. We had many conversions through the prayers of the pastor and the work of Tom Porter and Mr. Baker.

Dear old Joel has gone on to glory, where he can talk to his Master face to face. Mr. Baker lived a noble, Christian life and has joined his noble friend. We expect to see both of them "when Jesus comes to make up his jewels" in the heavenly land.

THE CHURCH

Partly in Rhyme

By Rev. J. H. Adams, Corinth, Miss.
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When Adam's whole apostate race, lay helpless and undone (Epe. 2:12), God promised Salvation through the merits of His Son (Gen. 3:15). The God-head thus devised the plan (Rev. 13:8, to set the sinner free (John 3:16, the Son agreeing He would die (Phil. 2:3), the sacrifice to be (II Cor. 5:7).

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When John (Baptist), his mission had fulfilled (Mark 1:14), and all Judea had heard (Matt. 3:5, 6), a People was made ready (Matt. 3:13), for the coming of the Lord (Mark 1:16-20).

Then Jesus came and was baptized (Luke 6:13-16), unto the mountain top, where He (Mark 13:19) His Church then organized (Isa. 2:2 and Matt. 4:5). When God had set the members in (Eph. 4:11) the Church, the Apostles were the first (I Cor. 12:28), then Prophets second, Teachers third, for all had been immersed (Mark 1:5).

He gave His Supper to His Church (I Cor. 11:23) to keep till His return (I Cor. 11:26), His body to discern (I Cor. 11:29).

The Great Commission soon was given to those thus organized. (Mark 16:51).

He sent them out into the world to preach and to baptize (Mark 16:16). We see them in an Upper room (Acts 1:13), it being their conference day, and having business to transact (Acts 1:22) they all knelt down to pray (Acts 1:24). Soon after prayer, their votes were cast (Acts 1:26) and ratified in Heaven (Matt. 18:18). Matthias received the Bishopric and numbered with the eleven (Acts 1:26). We see the Church with one accord, assembled in one place (Acts 2:1), imbued with Power of other tongues or languages (Acts 2:4), to preach to all the race (Acts 2:8-11). In matters touching fellowship, to the law of Christ they yielded (Matt. 18:15-18) and when a member is disciplined, there is no higher appeal (I Cor. 5:45). The twelve were Gospel preachers tried and true (Mark 3:14) and Baptist we might say (Rom. 6:4), because they preached the Doctrines then (Rom. 5:14), that Baptist preach today (Eph. 4:4-6). They preached imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ to save (Rom. 3:25-26) that all who put their trust in Him (Rom. 4:23-25) eternal life shall have (John 6:36-37). God does not give eternal life for that which we have done (Titus 3:5), but through imputed righteousness (Rom. 4:6) this life

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is in His Son (I John 5:11, 12).

Tis true, those who maintain good works (Mark 9:4), He surely will reward (Rev. 22:12), but that is not eternal life (Ephe. 2:9) Salvation is of the Lord (Jonah 2:9). This life is eternal life (John 5:24), the purchase price all paid (Ephe. 1:14), The child of God can not be lost (Heb. 10:39), since God the Covenant made (Heb. 10:16). His Church has stood since organized (Ephe. 3:21) By Jesus Christ its head (Ephe. 1:22), and it shall stand forevermore so God the Father said (Dan. 2:44).

Go search the records of all sects, with me you will agree, That none but Baptist can prove their faith, since A. D. thirty-three. Please read each reference on the right and make a careful search, And be convinced by Scriptural proof, that this is a Baptist Church.

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MERIGOLD REVIVAL

Sunday evening, April 23 brought to an end a series of revival services in the Merigold Baptist Church. Rev. A. B. Pierce of Crystal Springs preached for us. He was at his best and labored faithfully and preached with great power all through the meeting.

These services brought a gracious revival to the church. A large number rededicated their lives to God's service and many others were visibly convicted and moved. Without question, God will have His way more fully in numbers of lives as a result of the meeting. Interest and attendance grew with each service until at the end the building was taxed to seat the crowds. We are happy in this victory and thank God for it.

There were 22 additions to the church, 16 by baptism and 6 by letter.—L. E. McGowen, Pastor.

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For years Mr. Yuan, his wife and oldest son have been members of our church at Chia Ho T'an. Mr. Yuan was a teacher of the Confucian classics, but neither he nor his wife have ever been models of Christian zeal.

Recently when their son, Chia Sun, wanted to attend a Bible school, the parents violently opposed and refused to help any on expenses.

Within a month after the boy had gone to school a bandit horde swept down on their village with axe and sword. They escaped with their lives, leaving their burning home behind them.

A younger son had a blind child seven years, who was left behind in their flight. One of the bandits, seeing her, took her up to throw her into the flames, but the little one said, "We are Christians. We do not belong to the Boxers." On this the bandit threw her out into the hedge where she lay for two days and nights in the cold, without food, water or shelter. Some passing neighbor discovered her here, recognized her and sent her to her parents, who were then living in our chapel premises at Chia Ho T'an.

What could you do in like circumstances?

Chia Hsun's wife, who could not go with her husband to Bible school because she was expecting a baby, gave birth to the child during this frightening period. Through your beneficiaries we sent her to her husband at school.

For the little blind girl's sake and in remembrance of the kindness of our Lord, we have also taken from your gifts thirty-five dollars (U. S. \$6.00) and given this to the grandparents that they might have another straw roof put on their home and return to take up the threads of life again, we trust with grateful and reverent hearts.

DEMONS

Of course you say they all died in apostolic times! Recently in giving out tracts and inviting business people to come to the chapel, I was talking to two men in a store.

Suddenly an unearthly screaming, and children came running from the back. One little fellow ran to his father, with whom I was talking and was led by his parents into their house, still screaming with terror. Another little girl of some ten years was leaning against a pillar and crying as if her heart would break. I have never witnessed such utter terror among children.

Immediately I suspected the cause, but it was only upon insistence that they told me. One man said, "Sir, most likely you do not believe, but they say some one in black clothes and a red face suddenly came down into their school room where they were being taught the Confucian classics. This was the second time this had happened."

I pled with the people to turn to the Lord Jesus who alone was able to save them from the power of the demons. Satan is indeed an evil

being in all of his works, and even stoops to so frighten little ones.

Opposite our church there lives a respectable family of the old Confucian school. The wife of the oldest son died, and took for a second wife a woman from a Shantung Christian family. For these seven or eight years since she has been married, her feet have never crossed the threshold of her door. Although she lived opposite the church, she was never allowed to attend. Being a wife of the oldest son she had to lead in the family worship of the ancestors. Her spirit became broken. Recently a request came for Mrs. Strother to go to the home and pray for her; they said she was possessed of a demon.

This is Mrs. Strother's story of the occurrence:

The Bible woman and I went into the room where this young woman, Mrs. Hsu, was lying as a corpse, except for her breathing. We prayed for her and at the close of my prayer she heaved a deep sigh and broke out crying. Sitting up, after a few comforting words, she said, "I must tell you my story." Then followed the sad tale, how she had come from a Christian home, her eldest brother being an elder in the Presbyterian church, but from the time of her marriage she had gone farther and farther into sin. She confessed that her present state was due to the fact of conscious and long continued sin.

Then an aunt of the family died. The regular demon worship followed. Mrs. Hsu was attacked by the devil. She felt an unnatural coldness, and then was compelled to curse everybody in the place, in full consciousness that she was doing so. The demon was requiring certain promises before he would leave her.

As we prayed that day in the name of the Lord Jesus, Satan was forced to leave his victim. When we came away she was reading her Bible and praying for victory over the evil one. I meant to say she read a Scripture portion, for she had no Bible.

Sad to say, Mrs. Hsu has allowed herself to be forced into demon worship and has again fallen under the power of Satan. The family has invited Mrs. Strother to come and pray with her, but they will not consent to leave their demon worship and turn to the Lord Jesus, nor will they leave the practice of using witch doctors to force out the demon in place of trusting wholly in that mighty Name, which still has the same power as in days of old.

Pray for this woman and multitudes of others who are bound under the dominion of Satan. "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever."

CHINESE DOGS AND DEAD BABIES

From the porch I could see the dogs gnawing on something down by the river side. This went on for two days. I found my suspicions were all too true. They were devouring the body of a child that had been cast out by its parents.

We drove the dogs off and buried the remains, while a wondering crowd stood and gazed—that one

should care what became of a dead child's body.

For me there can be no love for Chinese dogs, for practically all of them devour human flesh. Around all city walls or in certain spots outside the walls one can always discover bundles of millet straw or old rags, around which will be plenty of signs that dogs have struggled and eaten. These are the last resting places of Chinese babies.

The God who marks the sparrow's fall remembers each one of these little children and will bring them with Him when He comes. Those who have this blessed Hope among these people now bury their little ones when they pass on.

What a glorious Gospel we have to give to the Nations!

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JONES COUNTY BAPTISTS
Grover Montgomery, Jr.

A total of more than 30,000 names will be included on the Jones County Religious census, according to plans made Monday night when men from the County Baptist Associational Evangelistic committee and the Brotherhood met at the Second Avenue Church. The Rev. J. H. Street, general chairman, and Hannon Strickland, chairman in charge of the many workers, led during the meeting.

Preparations were made for every Baptist church in the county to make a complete survey of the territory it serves. The churches had been divided into eight groups with special leaders in charge of each.

The first Sunday in May was set as the time for some of the work to be done with all to be completed before June 1.

West Laurel church was selected as "clearing house" for all the completed cards. Several lists of the complete census are to be typed according to age groups, stated Chairman Street, and placed in the hands of the teachers and preachers of the various communities.

The eight groups with the leaders included:

1. B. S. Hilburn and Archie Jordan: Pine Grove, Shelton, Fairfield, Lowrey Creek, Centerville.
2. O. A. Eure and J. J. Jones: Ellisville, Sand Hill, Moselle, Mars Hill, Union.
3. E. L. Holifield: Summerland, Hebron, Antioch, Soso.
4. C. H. Bush and W. H. Walters: Mt. Oral, Bethlehem.
5. B. E. Massey and Ed Freeman: South Laurel, Harmony, Calvary, Oakland Grove.
6. Bill Boutwell: West Laurel, Tucker's Crossing, Indian Springs, Pleasant Home.
7. W. B. Smith and Paul Pickering: Second Avenue, Beulah, County Line, Ovett.
8. Chas. T. Walters and A. D. Peden: First Church, Friendship, Bethel, Sharon, Sandersville.

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HIGHLAND AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

Montgomery, Alabama

The Highland Avenue Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala., Chas F. Leek, pastor, reports that it has just concluded a most satisfactory two weeks' evangelistic campaign in which Dr. Frederick S. Porter, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Columbus, Ga., did the preaching and Rev. Joe Canzoneri, of Jackson, Miss., conducted the singing program. Brother Leek states that his people were enamored by these two princely Christian personalities and their most acceptable ministries. The report stated that Dr. Porter is one of the truly great preachers and pastors of the South and that Joe Canzoneri is without a peer as an all-round teammate in a soul-winning campaign. There were 64 additions to the church during the full two weeks, a number of them being glorious professions of faith by middle-aged adults. And the pastor reports that there are about forty others who were directly influenced by the meeting whom they expect to win in the next few weeks. The church has a perennial evangelistic program. Leaders of the church will feel the influence of this constructive campaign for a long time to come.

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A Special Offering For Baptist Orphanage On Mother's Day--Sunday, May 14

*To the Boys and Girls in Our Own Baptist Orphanage
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A group of Boys and Girls in front of New Building just completed. Baptist Orphanage, Jackson, Miss.

Your offering at this time will serve a two-fold purpose. Supply the needs of the children by providing food, clothing and religious training; and at the same time help us to continue with our Building Program in the erection of buildings that are absolutely needed for protection and welfare.

We are asking that every church, together with their various organizations make an offering on MOTHER'S DAY, SUNDAY, MAY 14th or near this date and forward to us as soon as possible. OUR GOAL is \$10,000. Surely we can reach this goal easily with 265,812 Baptists representing 1,540 Churches; 136,781 Sunday School enrollment, representing 1,351 Sunday Schools; 43,854 members of our B. T. U. representing 2,085 Unions; 1,863 organizations of our W. M. U. work, led by the splendid group of 1,040 ordained ministers and other Christian leaders.

What more appropriate time could we select to make a special offering to Motherless children than on MOTHER'S DAY? If our mothers are still with us many of us will find her wherever she is and present to her, with our own hands some token of our love and appreciation for the many things she has done for us during all the years of our lives. Others of us will write her a long letter, if she is far away from us, telling her of our love, and will send her some appropriate gift. On the other hand if God has

taken her to be with Him we will think of her on Mother's Day. We will remember the many things she did for us while she was with us, and everyone of us will want to do something to honor her memory. How can we better do this than by making a contribution to help do those things for the the motherless child which the mother would do if she were living?

It is hoped that every Church, Sunday School, W. M. U., B. T. U. and Brotherhood, will observe MOTHER'S DAY this year by directing their attention to the Motherless children at the Baptist Orphanage. The mothers of these children once dreamed of great things for them. But alas! death interrupted whatever plans these mothers may have made to have these dreams come true. Are you willing to help us take up where these Mothers left off?

In the Name of HIM who loved little children and called them unto HIM, we thank you and ask for your prayerful consideration and support.

Fraternally,
W. G. MIZE, Superintendent,
Baptist Orphanage, Jackson, Miss.

Send your offering direct to Baptist Orphanage, Jackson, Mississippi or to Rev. D. A. McCall, Secretary Baptist State Mission Board, Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi, stating that the offering is for Baptist Orphanage.